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President Barack Obama at a meeting of G7 leaders during the Nuclear Security Summit, at Catshuis, The Hague, Netherlands, March 24, 2014. Obama and international allies met Monday in an effort to develop a strong, united response despite their diverging interests in dealing with the Crimea invasion and the Kremlin. From left: French President Francois Hollande, British Prime Minister David Cameron, Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

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Group of 8 Leaders Agree to Exclude Russia

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THE HAGUE, Netherlands - President Barack Obama and the leaders of the biggest Western economies agreed Monday to exclude

President Vladimir Putin from the Group of 8, suspending his government's 15-year participation in the diplomatic forum and further isolating his country. In a joint statement after a two-hour, closed-door

meeting of the four largest economies in Europe, along with Japan and Canada, the leaders of the seven nations announced that a summit meeting planned for Sochi, Russia, in June will now be held in

Brussels - without Russia's participation. "This group came together because of shared beliefs and shared responsibilities. Russia's actions in recent weeks are not consistent with them," the statement said. "Under

these circumstances, we will not participate in the planned Sochi Summit. We will suspend our participation in the G-8 until Russia changes course."

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Malaysia: Flight 370 ended in Indian Ocean

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KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — After 17 days of desperation and doubt over the missing Malaysia Airlines jet, the country's officials said an analysis of satellite data points to a "heartbreaking" conclusion: Flight 370 met its end in the southern reaches of the Indian Ocean, and none of those aboard survived. The somber announcement late Monday by Prime Minister Najib Razak left unresolved many more troubling questions about what went wrong aboard the Boeing 777 to take it so far off-course. It also unleashed a maelstrom of sorrow and anger among the families of the jet's 239 passengers and crew. A solemn Najib, clad in a black suit, read a brief statement about what he called an unparalleled study of the jet's last-known signals to a satellite. That analysis showed that the missing plane, which took off from Kuala Lumpur for Beijing early on March 8, veered "to a remote location, far from any possible landing sites."

"It is therefore with deep sadness and regret that I must inform you that, according to this new data, Flight MH370 ended in the southern Indian Ocean," he said.

His carefully chosen words did not directly address the fate of those aboard. But in a separate message, sent to some of their relatives just before he spoke, Malaysia Airlines officials said that "we have to assume beyond any reason-

able doubt that MH370 has been lost and that none of those on board survived." Officials said they concluded that the flight had been lost in the deep waters west of Perth, Australia, based on more thorough

In a statement, Inmarsat said the company used "detailed analysis and modelling" of transmissions from the Malaysia Airlines jet and other known flights to describe "the likely direction of flight of MH370."

"My son! My son!" cried a woman in a group of about 50 gathered at a hotel near Beijing's airport, before falling to her knees. Minutes later, medical teams carried one elderly man out of the conference



A relative of one of the Chinese passengers aboard the Malaysia Airlines, MH370 collapses in grief after being told of the latest news in Beijing, China, Monday, March 24, 2014. It was the grim news that families of the missing Malaysian Airlines flight had dreaded for weeks, and on Monday they heard it from Malaysia's prime minister: new analysis of satellite data indicates the missing plane crashed into a remote corner of the Indian Ocean.

(AP Photo/Ng Han Guan)

analysis of the brief signals the plane sent every hour to a satellite belonging to Inmarsat, a British company, even after other communication systems on the jetliner shut down.

The pings did not include any location information. But Inmarsat and British aviation officials used "a type of analysis never before used in an investigation of this sort" to zero in on the plane's last position, as it reached the end of its fuel, Najib said.

Najib gave no indication of exactly where in the Indian Ocean the plane was last heard from, but searchers have sighted possible debris in an area about 1,240 miles southwest of Perth, and officials said more details would be released Tuesday.

Some of the relatives who gathered to listen to Najib convulsed in grief at the news, with shrieks and uncontrolled sobs. Others collapsed into the arms of loved ones.

room on a stretcher, his face covered by a jacket. In Kuala Lumpur, screams came from inside the Hotel Bangi Putrajaya, where some of the families have been given rooms.

Selamat Omar, father of a 29-year-old aviation engineer aboard the flight, said in a telephone interview that he and other families were waiting for word about whether they would be flown to Australia, closer to where it is believed the plane went down. □

A new blow for Hollande; will he stay course?

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PARIS (AP) — France's unpopular president faces a moment of truth after his Socialist Party suffered a drubbing at the polls and the far-right made advances across the country. Will his package of spending cuts and reforms wither and die like so many previous efforts to reform France's economy, following the setback suffered by his party in the first round of municipal elections on Sunday?

France, Europe's number 2 economy, has been generating a lot of negative headlines and Francois Hollande thinks it needs to move with the times to boost growth and bring down sky-high levels of unemployment.

His new approach, outlined earlier this year, is not what he promised voters in the presidential election of 2012. His stump speech then defended the country's welfare and labor benefits and a tax squeeze on the rich.

In anticipation of a setback in the elections in towns and cities, Hollande appeared determined to stick the course, telling journalists that France had to lower its labor costs and boost its competitiveness. He also promised decisions on spending cuts by the end of April.

More clarity may well emerge after the second round of voting next weekend — in France, there's another round of voting if no one party gained a majority. Hollande is widely expected to reshuffle his government even though the municipal elections don't directly affect his ability to govern and push through policies.

At the start of this year, Hollande laid out his new approach, promising a 30 billion-euro (\$41 billion) payroll tax cut by 2017, in exchange for more investment and hiring by companies. In addition, he announced 50 billion euros in cuts in government spending. □

Ukraine appears to cut power supply in Crimea

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SIMFEROPOL, Crimea — A power failure plunged much of the Crimean capital, Simferopol, into darkness Monday, the second partial blackout in two days, as the Ukrainian government in Kiev appeared to retaliate against Russia's occupation and annexation of the peninsula

by sharply cutting electricity supplied from the mainland.

Homes and businesses went dark across a large swath of the city, underscoring the vulnerability of the geographically isolated peninsula, which is dependent on mainland Ukraine for many vital services, including electricity and much of its water supply.

Officials here and in Moscow had anticipated such a move by the Ukrainian government. In recent days, regional officials said they had acquired 900 generators to provide electricity to vital buildings, including hospitals. It was not immediately clear if those generators were in use.

In Moscow, Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said at a

government meeting that Russian ministries should begin work in Crimea as soon as possible.

President Vladimir Putin has ordered officials to quickly begin work on a bridge to connect mainland Russia and the Crimean port city of Kerch, but the project will take years and cost between \$3 billion and \$5 billion. □

Reid slams Republicans over Crimea

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said Monday that Republicans may have helped Russia annex Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula, delivering a surprisingly sharp attack just before lawmakers advanced a bill authorizing sweeping U.S. sanctions on Russia and \$1 billion in loan guarantees to Ukraine.

The 78-17 procedural vote in favor of the legislation spared President Barack Obama an embarrassing setback while he lobbies U.S. partners on a week-long trip overseas to punish Moscow for its annexation of the Crimean peninsula. But Reid's tone suggested a compromise with the Republican-controlled House may prove difficult, prolonging Congress' inaction in the two weeks since Russian President Vladimir Putin's military intervention. Reid focused his ire on the Republican senators who blocked the bill before lawmakers went on break March 14.

He urged them to consider "how their obstruction affects United States' national security as well as the people of Ukraine" and said their delay of any congressional action "sent a dangerous message to Russian leaders."

"Since a few Republicans blocked these important sanctions last work period, Russian lawmakers voted to annex Crimea and Russian forces have taken over Ukrainian military bases," Reid said.

"It's impossible to know whether events would have unfolded differently if the United States had responded to Russian aggression with a strong, unified voice."

The Democrat's charge came despite widespread bipartisan support for providing Ukraine with much-needed economic assistance and hitting Putin's government with sanctions. □

Group of 8 leaders agree to exclude Russia

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The move by the group -its first face-to-face gathering since Russia's lightning-

tries agreed to consider broader sanctions against large sectors of the Russian economy. Obama had signaled last week

on the Russian economy, if Russia continues to escalate this situation," the leaders' statement said. Such sanctions could have

going to be a G-8 summit this year in Russia. That's absolutely clear."

On Wednesday, Obama will leave the Netherlands



Jordan's King Abdullah II Bin Al Hussein, U.S. President Barack Obama, Queen Maxima, King Willem Alexander, a member of the South Korean delegation and Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, from left, pose for a group portrait at royal palace Huis ten Bosch in The Hague Monday March 24, 2014, at the occasion of the two-day Nuclear Security Summit.

(AP Photo/Frank van Beek, POOL)

quick annexation of the Crimea a month ago - was intended as another signal of the West's condemnation of Russia's actions. Leaders said it represented only part of a series of punishments that might still escalate if Russia refuses to turn back its aggressions, the statement said.

In particular, the coun-

that the United States was prepared to take such a move, and officials said his decision to call a meeting of the G-8 countries was in part intended to persuade them to do the same.

"We remain ready to intensify actions including coordinated sectoral sanctions that will have an increasingly significant impact

an outsized impact on European economies that have close trade and investment ties to Russia. Before the meeting, other leaders also indicated that Russia's actions had now left the country on the outside of the group. British Prime Minister David Cameron told reporters that "we should be clear there's not

for a daylong summit meeting with European Union leaders in Brussels and to discuss the situation in Russia with the secretary-general of NATO. While in Brussels, Obama will deliver a speech that aides said would be heavily influenced by Putin's recent actions and the threat they pose to Europe. □

Carter: Boycott of Israel "too much"

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NEW YORK (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter said Monday that he doesn't support the Palestinian-led "boycott, divest, sanction" campaign against Israel but said products made in Israel-occupied Palestinian territories should be clearly labeled so buyers can make a choice about them. Carter told The Associated Press in an interview that he and the other re-

tired senior leaders known as the "Elders" recently discussed the economic pressure campaign against Israeli occupation. The Elders group was formed by Nelson Mandela in 2007, and includes senior and retired leaders who work together on peace-building and humanitarian initiatives.

"We decided not to publicly endorse any kind of embargo, or so forth, against Israeli invasion, or occupying troops in Palestine," Carter

said. Among the other current Elders are former Irish president Mary Robinson, South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, former U.N. secretary-general Kofi Annan, and former Finnish president Martti Ahtisaari. But Carter added: "We have also encouraged Europeans for instance, at least to label products that are made by Israeli people who occupy Palestine and ship their products out of Palestine to be sold in Eu-

rope. ... so that the buyers can decide whether they want to buy them or not." Carter received the Nobel peace prize in 2002 for brokering the Camp David Accords, the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel that has been in place since 1978. Some businesses and pension funds in Europe have recently cut investments or trade with Israeli firms they say are connected to West Bank settlements. □

Washington State:

Number of missing rises above 100 in mudslide

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ARLINGTON, Washington

(AP) — The search for survivors of a deadly mudslide in the northwestern state of Washington grew Monday to include more than 100 people who are still unaccounted for, raising fears that the death toll could climb far beyond the 14 confirmed fatalities.

In a race to find loved ones, family members and neighbors used chain saws and their bare hands to pick through wreckage that was tangled by the mud into piles of filthy debris.

Authorities said they were looking for more than 100 people who had not been heard from since the disaster. They predicted that the number of missing would decline as more people are found to be safe. But the startling initial length of the list added to the anxieties two days after a layer of soft earth a mile (nearly a kilometer) wide crashed onto a cluster of homes at the bottom of a river valley. "The situation is very grim," Snohomish County Fire District 21 Chief Travis Hots said, stressing that authorities are still in rescue mode and are holding out hope. But he noted: "We have not found anyone alive on this pile since Saturday."

About 30 houses were de-

stroyed.

Snohomish County Emergency Management Director John Pennington said the list of 108 names included construction workers who were working in the area and people just driving by. But, he cautioned, it does not necessarily mean there are dozens of additional fatalities.

"It's a soft 108," Pennington said, explaining that

the number would almost certainly fall as people are slowly located.

Cory Kuntz and several volunteers worked Monday with chain saws to cut through the roof of his uncle's house, which was swept about 150 yards (137 meters) from its location. Kuntz said his aunt, Linda McPherson, was killed. He and the others pulled out files, his aunt's wallet and a

box filled with pictures and slides.

"When you look at it, you just kind of go in shock, and you kind of go numb," he said.

The mudslide struck Saturday morning, a time when most people are at home. Of the 49 structures in the neighborhood, authorities believe at least 25 were full-time residences.

Frustrations were grow-

ing as family members and neighbors waited for official word on the missing and the dead. Elaine Young and her neighbors uncovered several bodies Sunday and had to contact authorities to get them removed.

They also found a chocolate Labrador named Buddy alive, and helped pull the dog from the rubble, leading her to wonder if



The massive mudslide that killed at least eight people and left over 100 missing is shown in this aerial photo, Monday, March 24, 2014, near Arlington, Wash. The search for survivors grew Monday, raising fears that the death toll could climb far beyond the 14 confirmed fatalities.

(AP Photo/Ted S. Warren)

Coast Guard working to reopen shipping channel

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GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — The Coast Guard is trying to resume barge traffic in and out of one of the busiest U.S. seaports as quickly as possible after an oil spill, but more tests are needed to confirm the water and the vessels traveling through the Houston Ship Channel were free of oil, officials said Monday.

As workers in bright yellow suits picked quarter-sized "tar balls" out of the sand along Galveston Bay on Monday, strong incoming

tides kept washing more ashore.

Elsewhere, crews lined up miles of oil booms to keep oil away from the shoreline and bird habitats, two days after a collision in the Houston Ship Channel dumped as many as 170,000 gallons (643,500 liters) of oil from a barge into the water along the Gulf Coast.

The closure of the channel stranded some 80 vessels on both sides of the channel. Traffic through the channel includes ships serving refineries key to American oil production. Officials believe most of the

oil that spilled Saturday is drifting out of the Houston Ship Channel into the Gulf of Mexico, which should limit the impact on bird habitats around Galveston Bay as well as beaches and fisheries important to tourists.

"This spill—I think if we keep our fingers crossed—is not going to have the negative impact that it could have had," said Jerry Patterson, commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, the lead state agency on the response to the spill.

The best-case scenario is for most of the slick to remain

in the Gulf for several days or longer and congeal into small tar balls that wash up further south on the Texas coast, where they could be picked up and removed, Patterson said. Crews from the General Land Office are monitoring water currents and the movement of the oil, he said.

Some black, tar-like globs, along with a dark line of a sticky, oily substance, were seen along the shoreline of the Texas City dike, a 5-mile (8-kilometer) jetty that juts into Galveston Bay across from a tip of Galveston Island. □

other survivors could be out there, desperate for help.

"If we found a dog alive yesterday afternoon that we cut out of a part of a house, doesn't that seem that maybe somebody could be stuck up under part of a house and be alive too?" asked Young, whose home survived the slide but was on the edge of the devastation.

Authorities believe Saturday's slide was caused by recent heavy rains that made the terrain unstable. Retired firefighter Gail Moffett said she knows about 25 people who are missing, including entire families with young children. □



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5 found dead in Colorado plane crash wreckage

RIDGWAY, Colorado (AP) — The bodies of five people were found in the wreckage of a single-engine plane that crashed into a southwestern Colorado reservoir, authorities confirmed Monday.

Authorities said a remote-controlled rover and divers working in cold, murky waters spotted the bodies.

The wreckage will have to be brought to shore before the bodies can be removed, authorities said. They say the plane is upside down in about 3 feet (.91 meters) of silt and about 70 feet (21 meters) underwater. A salvage team is expected to begin raising the wreckage on Wednesday. Authorities haven't released the identities of the victims. The single-engine Socata TBM took off from Gadsden, Alabama, and was headed to Montrose, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) north of the reservoir, when it crashed into the water at Ridgway State Park on Saturday.

The flight stopped in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, before continuing on to Montrose, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said. According to preliminary reports, the pilot reported that the plane was in a spin before losing communication, National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Eric Weiss said Monday. □

Union: Chicago train operator 'extremely tired'

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CHICAGO (AP) — The president of a Chicago transit union said Monday there are indications that the operator dozed off before the train jumped the tracks and scaled an escalator at one of nation's busiest airports, injuring 32 people. The operator told Amalgamated Transit Union Local 308 President Robert Kelly that she had worked a lot of overtime recently and was "extremely tired" at the time of the derailment, he said at a news conference.

The derailment happened just before 3 a.m. Monday at the end of the Chicago Transit Authority's Blue Line at O'Hare International Airport. No one suffered life-threatening injuries.

Earlier, National Transportation Safety Board official Tim DePaepe said investigators had not drawn any conclusions about the cause of the accident, but were looking into whether faulty brakes, signals or human error were factors.

The operator, who was still hospitalized, will be interviewed, DePaepe said, and investigators would examine her routine over the last few days.

The timing of the helped avoid an enormous disaster, as the underground Blue Line station is usually packed with travelers coming to and from Chicago.

Denise Adams, a passenger on the train, described the impact to reporters.

"I heard a 'Boom!' and when I got off the train, the train was all the way up the escalator," she said. "It was a lot of panic." Monday's accident occurred almost six months after an unoccupied Blue Line train rumbled down a

was mounted on the front of the train, DePaepe said.

The train will remain at the scene until the NTSB has finished some of its investigators, after which crews will remove the train and fix the escalator that has "significant damage."

Hours after the crash, the front of the first car could still be seen near the top of

absorber at the end of the tracks.

"Apparently (it) was traveling at a rate of speed that clearly was higher than a normal train would be," CTA spokesman Brian Steele said.

He also said it wasn't clear how many people were on board at the time of the crash, but that it took place



A Chicago Transit Authority train car rests on an escalator at the O'Hare Airport station after it derailed early Monday, March 24, 2014, in Chicago. More than 30 people were injured after the train "climbed over the last stop, jumped up on the sidewalk and then went up the stairs and escalator," according to Chicago Fire Commissioner Jose Santiago.

(AP Photo/NBC Chicago, Kenneth Webster)

track for nearly a mile and struck another train head-on at the other end of the line in September. Dozens were hurt in that incident, which prompted the CTA to make several safety changes. Investigators will review video footage from a camera in the station and one that

the escalator.

While the station is shut down, the CTA was busing passengers to and from O'Hare to the next station on the line.

The train appeared to have been going too fast as it approached the station and didn't stop at a bumping post — a metal shock

during what is "typically among our lowest ridership time," Steele said.

The injured were taken to area hospitals, and Chicago Fire Commissioner Jose Santiago said Monday morning that most were able to walk away from the wreck unaided. □

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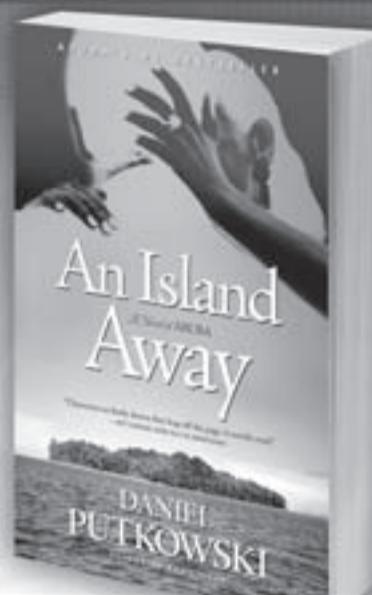


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5 Madoff ex-workers convicted in case's 1st trial

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Five former employees of imprisoned financier Bernard Madoff were convicted Monday at the end of a six-month trial that portrayed them as telling an elaborate web of lies to hide a fraud that enriched them and cheated investors out of billions of dollars.

The trial — one of the longest in the storied history of Manhattan federal court — was the first to result from the massive fraud revealed in December 2008 when Madoff ran out of money and was arrested. He pleaded guilty and is serving a 150-year prison sentence.

Each was convicted of conspiracy to defraud clients, securities fraud, falsifying the books and records of a broker dealer. Prosecutors obtained convictions on all 33 charges, though only one defendant was charged in some counts. Prosecutors unveiled hundreds of exhibits and showcased dozens of witnesses to try to prove charges



Annette Bongiorno arrives to federal court in New York. She is one of five former employees of imprisoned financier Bernard Madoff convicted Monday, March 24, 2014 in New York, at the end of a six-month trial that portrayed them as telling an elaborate web of lies to hide a fraud that enriched them and cheated investors out of billions of dollars.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

against Annette Bongiorno, Madoff's longtime secretary; Daniel Bonventre, his director of operations for investments; JoAnn Crupi, an account manager; and Jerome O'Hara and George Perez, both computer programmers.

The defendants largely took the verdict in stride except for Crupi, who looked shocked when the first guilty verdict was read and later shook her head. Bongiorno wrote notes on paper during the reading.

"These convictions, along with the prior guilty pleas of nine other defendants, demonstrate what we have believed from the earliest stages of the investigation: this largest-ever Ponzi scheme could not have been the work of one person," U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said. "These defendants each played an important role in carrying out the charade, propping it up, and concealing it from regulators, auditors, taxing authorities, lenders, and investors."

Bongiorno and Bonventre testified for several days in

their own defense. They insisted they were victims of Madoff's fraud as well, losing millions of dollars they had invested with him because they believed in and trusted him.

Bongiorno, 65, told the jury she once asked how the firm was "making money when everyone else was losing money." She said Madoff told her they could make money in a down market by shorting stocks. Bongiorno said she believed him.

Clients lost nearly \$20 billion. A court-appointed trustee has recovered much of the money by forcing those customers who received big payouts from Madoff to return the funds. When the fraud was revealed, Madoff admitted that the nearly \$68 billion he claimed existed in accounts was actually only a few hundred million dollars. The centerpiece of the prosecution's case was Frank DiPascali, Madoff's former finance chief, and five other insiders who pleaded guilty and agreed to cooperate.

Smoking stays stubbornly high among the poor

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MANCHESTER, Ky. - When smoking first swept the U.S. in the early decades of the 20th century, it took hold among the well-to-do. Cigarettes were high-society symbols of elegance and class, puffed by doctors and movie stars. By the 1960s, smoking had

exploded, helped by the distribution of cigarettes to soldiers in World War II. Half of all men and a third of women smoked. But as evidence of smoking's deadly consequences has accumulated, the broad patterns of use by class have shifted: Smoking, the leading cause of preventable death in the country, is now increasingly a habit of the

poor and the working class. While previous data established that pattern, a new analysis of federal smoking data released on Monday shows that the disparity is increasing. The national smoking rate has declined steadily, but there is a deep geographic divide. In the affluent suburbs of Washington, D.C., only about 1 in 10 people smoke, accord-

ing to the analysis, by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation. But in impoverished places like this - Clay County, in eastern Kentucky - nearly 4 in 10 do. "It's just what we do here," said Ed Smith Jr., 51, holding up his cigarette in a hand callused from his job clearing trees away from power lines. Several of his friends have died of lung cancer,

he said, and he has tried to quit, but so far has not succeeded. "I want to see my grandson grow up." This growing gap in smoking rates between rich and poor is helping drive rising inequality in health outcomes, experts say, with, for example, white women on the lowest rungs of the economic ladder now living shorter lives.

US Financial Front:

Teaching as a Second Act, or Maybe Even a Third

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Gail R. Ruscetta changed careers for the first time when she had children. A theater major who bounced between acting gigs in her 20s, Ruscetta took the kind of leap that overachieving city dwellers often fantasize about: She and her then husband moved to Montana and opened a horse farm and riding school.

Fifteen years later, Ruscetta - who was an active volunteer in her children's classrooms and then helped home-school them - was going through a divorce. Time for another career switch.

This time, she decided to try teaching. Ruscetta, 57, moved to Virginia and enrolled in a yearlong, \$3,500 training course designed by the state Education Department for career changers. She financed her training and living expenses from the sale of a dressage horse, and in the fall of 2012 she started a job at a public middle school in Alexandria, teaching English as a second language.

She figures this career will stick. "I'll probably be working until I'm 85," she said. Teaching, with the draw of doing good, the steady (if unspectacular) paychecks, summers off and solid pension benefits, has long been perceived as a durable second - or third - career.

But in the last five years, the profession has taken a number of hits. The economic downturn led to layoffs across the country's school districts. The total number of jobs in public schools remains about 345,000 below its 2008 peak, according to Labor Department figures.

What's more, a series of changes to academic standards, threats to tenure and an overhaul of the way teachers are evaluated have all contributed to turbulence in public education, with teachers, unions and some par-

ents' groups pushing back. Some cities and states are debating whether they can guarantee the kinds of generous public pensions they have in the past. Still, the idea of shaping young minds remains at-

turnover in those districts," said Segun Eubanks, director of teacher quality at the National Education Association, the nation's largest teachers' union. Even in more affluent and suburban school districts,

There are hundreds of routes to teaching credentials and a job, and the paths vary from state to state. Prospective teachers can consult Teach.org, a website sponsored by the Department of Edu-

Teacher Education.

While more traditional teacher education programs offer more time to prepare, other routes pair brief training with a learn-on-the-job approach.

More traditional programs charge tuition and generally require taking some time off from paid work to attend classes, although online options are also available. Fees range from a little less than \$6,500 in California's state university system to as high as \$54,000 for a master's degree from Teachers College, Columbia University, which generally takes two years, including student teaching assignments.

According to the National Education Association, a first-year teacher can expect an average salary of around \$36,000, although states including California, New Jersey and New York average closer to \$45,000. In most cases, there are no bumps for age or experience in another profession.

Many states sponsor programs that attract career changers who need to earn income right away. Teaching Fellows programs, run by the New Teacher Project in 12 states, offer summer training sessions followed by placement in a public school classroom on a first-year teacher's salary. Admission to the program. □



Gail Ruscetta, an English as a second language teacher, in her classroom at George Washington Middle School in Alexandria, Va., March 18, 2014. For those looking for a second or third career, teaching programs offer a variety of preparatory courses at different costs to get there.

(Gabriella Demczuk/The New York Times)

tractive, and with the economy slowly improving, school districts are hiring again. And as many as a million teachers could retire in the next four to six years, the federal Department of Education says. Although only three states offer universal preschool, more cities and states are moving to join them and increase the demand for teachers. Changing demographics are raising the demand for bilingual teachers. The Labor Department says the number of teaching jobs is projected to grow over the next decade by more than 429,000.

For a late starter taking the first step toward a teaching certification, the candidate's college major may dictate options, since most states require that teachers demonstrate content knowledge in their subjects. Elementary teachers gain more general credentials, so there is more flexibility there. Poor districts are more likely to be hiring. "There tends to be higher

said Eubanks, the highest areas of need are for teachers of special education, English as a second language, and math and science.

In many states, some college-level work in the subject a candidate plans to teach is required for certification. Others require candidates to pass content knowledge exams.

cation along with some corporate sponsors, the nation's two largest teachers' unions and Teach for America, which places high-achieving college graduates into low-income schools for two-year stints. Other resources include the National Association for Alternative Certification and the American Association of Colleges for

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Discriminate Against the Old? Even the Old Do It

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I am sitting at my desk, clicking keys on my keyboard as faces with words cross my computer screen rapidly. In my midday slump, I'm more than a bit annoyed. What useful information can anyone glean from how quickly or slowly I decide whether words are happy or sad, even as I am also answering whether a pictured face belongs to a younger or older person? As it turns out, plenty.

After the test, I learned that I had the energy to identify words as "good" more quickly when they were paired with young faces instead of older ones.

This finding comes as no surprise to Mahzarin Banaji, the Harvard University professor who is the co-creator of the Implicit Association Test, the online exam I've just taken. It's designed to uncover prejudices so subconscious we are often unaware of them. Almost all of us reveal bias against older adults, she says - including older adults.

About 10,000 baby boomers will turn 65 every day for about the next decade and a half. Unlike those from previous generations, who in the popular imagination happily shuffled off to leisure, most of the new retirees say they want to stay in the paid workforce. So far, however, staying on the job - in any position - is turning out to be harder than the baby boomers anticipated (and, in some cases, less desirable). Fewer than a fifth of Americans older than 65 remain in the paid workforce. If a man or woman older than 55 is unemployed, it takes that person several months longer than someone younger to find a job. Such people

are also disproportionately represented among the long-term jobless.

As a result, academics are increasingly churning out studies and papers about age bias that they hope will reach those in a position to hire, promote and issue paychecks.

"I can teach you a lot about the scientific evidence of

professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and founder of the Institute for Career Transitions, recently recruited a group of 90 long-term jobless men and women and paired them with career coaches and counselors for three months. He is now analyzing the data to determine what, if any, interventions

in recent years, older Americans have little recourse if they believe they are victims of illegal bias, since it is hard to prove.

Some companies are trying to use the research to combat the problem. In the health care sector, for example, growth of the sector and fears about the rapidly aging workforce are leaving employers worried that they will not be able to fill positions with qualified workers.

The pharmaceutical giant Pfizer has brought in Banaji to speak with senior executives and give an online seminar to other managers. "We all have unconscious biases that shape our perceptions and have a negative impact on our business decisions," said Jack Watters, Pfizer's vice president for external medical affairs. One that might be of particular concern? "You assume when someone is older, their career will be shorter, so they don't get the same opportunities," Watters said.

Pfizer has also placed renewed emphasis on its Mentor Match program, in part to destigmatize aging by encouraging relationships between workers of different generations.

Tracey Rizzuto, an associate professor of human resources at Louisiana State University, is studying the effect of such mentoring in the oil and gas industry. She said the initiatives appeared to convey to older workers that their companies continued to value them and their contributions.

Human resources professionals often tell Rizzuto that formal mentor relationships increase the satisfaction of all employees. "What I've found is that among large

companies using these programs, there was higher morale and internal performance," she said.

Research shows that bias against senior workers decreases the engagement of everyone in the workplace.

"It's about a perception of fairness," said Jacquelyn Boone James, the director of research at Boston College's Sloan Center on Aging and Work. Boone James was the lead author of a paper published in The Journal of Managerial Psychology that studied the effect of intentional and unintentional age discrimination on workers in a retail organization.

California-based Scripps Health tries to make sure employees in departments being eliminated are offered a chance at newly open positions within the company. They are offered three months of pay while they take advantage of placement services at the company's Career Resource Center. Almost all end up finding new jobs at Scripps, said Victor V. Buzachero, the company's senior vice president for innovation, human resources and performance management.

Buzachero acknowledged that he sometimes stepped in to require a Scripps manager to hire a middle-age or older worker if he thought age bias was a reason for someone being passed over.

"It's subtle," he admitted. "They don't come out and say it's age. They say the person doesn't have the commitment we're looking for or the skills we are looking for."

Scripps also encourages older workers to explore career reinventions. □



Academics are increasingly churning out studies and papers about age bias that they hope will reach those in a position to hire, promote and issue paychecks, to make them more aware of subtle, often unconscious biases that hurt older workers' chances of getting hired and promoted.

(Yuko Shimizu/The New York Times)

bias, but the job of solving the problem is not just the job of scientists," Banaji said. "You would want the public at large to engage with this."

But many academics don't see much grappling with the issue of age discrimination in the day-to-day work world. Ofer Sharone, a

were helpful. So far, Sharone has noticed one thing in common among his subjects. "Without exception, they talk about age discrimination," he said.

Even though age discrimination claims at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission are up sharply



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Egyptian court sentences nearly 530 to death

MAGGIE MICHAEL
Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — An Egyptian court Monday sentenced to death nearly 530 suspected backers of ousted President Mohammed Morsi over a deadly attack on a police station, capping a swift, two-day mass trial in which defense attorneys were not allowed to present their case.

It was the largest single batch of death sentences in the world in recent years, Amnesty International said. The U.S. State Department said it "defies logic" that so many people could get a fair trial in just two sessions. The verdicts by a court in the city of Minya are subject to appeal and are likely to be overturned.

But the outcome stunned human rights activists and raised fears that the rule of law is being swept away in the crackdown waged by the military-backed interim government against Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood since his overthrow last summer.

The government is conducting a series of mass trials of Brotherhood supporters, some with hundreds of defendants.

"It turns the judiciary in Egypt from a tool for achieving justice into an instrument for taking revenge," said Mohammed Zarie, a Cairo-based human rights lawyer.

Egypt's Foreign Ministry brushed off the criticism, saying in a statement that the judiciary is "entirely independent and is not influenced in any way by the executive branch of government."

The government has branded the Brotherhood a terrorist group, a claim it denies. Some 16,000 people have been arrested

since Morsi's ouster, including most of the group's top leaders as well as large numbers swept up by police during pro-Morsi protests. A judicial official involved in Monday's case told The Associated Press that the swift and harsh verdicts were meant as a deterrent. "Now no one would dare to think to attack a police station or a state institution after they saw death penalties falling on their group's heads," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk about the case.

He defended the mass trial, saying, "We are in exceptional circumstances. We don't have time to summon each and every defendant, prove their presence and confirm who are their lawyers."

He said he expected an appeals court to overturn the verdicts and order a

retrial because defense lawyers were not given a chance to present their case — but he predicted a similar verdict.

The 545 defendants were charged with murder, attempted murder, joining

an outlawed group aiming at toppling the regime and stealing government weapons in connection with the attack last August in the town of Matay, south of Cairo. The town's deputy police chief, Mohammed

al-Attar, was killed in the violence.

The bloodshed was part of nationwide rioting sparked when security forces stormed two pro-Morsi sit-ins in Cairo and killed over 600 people. □



A young Egyptian boy participates in a demonstration by supporters of ousted President Mohammed Morsi in the Maadi district of Cairo, Egypt. A court in southern Egypt has convicted 529 supporters of ousted Islamist President Mohammed Morsi, sentencing them to death on charges of murdering a policeman and attacking police.

(AP Photo/Hamada Elrasam)

Syrian rebels capture town near Turkish border

RYAN LUCAS
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Hard-line Islamic rebels captured a small town in northwestern Syria near the Turkish border as part of their offensive in the rugged coastal region that is a bastion of support for President Bashar Assad, activists said Monday.

Fighters from an array of armed opposition groups seized the predominantly Armenian Christian town of Kassab on Sunday. The rebels, including militant from the al-Qaida-affiliated Nusra Front, have also wrested control of a nearby border crossing to Turkey.

The advances, while minor in terms of territory, provided a boost to a belea-

guered rebellion that has suffered a string of battlefield losses in recent weeks. Forces loyal to Assad have captured several towns near Syria's border with Lebanon as part of a government drive to sever rebel supply lines across the porous frontier.

Rebels launched their offensive on Friday in Latakia province, which is the ancestral home of the Assad family and a stronghold of his minority Alawite sect, the Shiite offshoot community that is a main pillar of support for his rule. Since then, the fighting has focused around Kassab and the nearby border crossing. A member of the president's family who was also

an army commander was buried in Latakia on Monday a day after he died in the battle for Kassab, the Syrian state news agency SANA said. Hilal Assad was the commander of the pro-government National Defense Forces.

Rebels were in control of the center of Kassab on Monday but clashes were raging in the hills outside of town, said Rami Abdurrahman, the director of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. Government warplanes were conducting airstrikes on several positions in the area, including Nabeah al-Murr and the scattering of homes and fields surrounding Kassab, the Observato-

ry said. There was no immediate word on casualties.

A Syrian state reporter speaking on TV from outside Kassab Monday said the government had captured several Nusra Front fighters, and that the army is determined to take back the ground it has ceded. A pillar of white smoke could be seen rising above the green, forested hills behind the reporter.

In an amateur video posted online, two opposition fighters stand on a rooftop in Kassab and raise their arms in celebration. A checkpoint near the post office, replete with sandbags and oil drums painted like the Syrian flag, sits abandoned. The streets are deserted. □

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Venezuela: Pregnant woman, Guardsman killed

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— A pregnant woman shot in the head and a National Guard soldier fired on as he tried to clear a road-

congress, meanwhile, said a top opposition politician had lost her seat and is no longer immune from prosecution for allegedly fomenting violence in the anti-government protests. The woman who was killed,

pregnant, Urquiola was shot after she left a bus that was stuck in traffic because of a barricade built by anti-government protesters. She had begun walking toward the road block but didn't appear to

ing a street demonstration in Merida, said the southwestern city's mayor, Carlos Garcia. The opposition politician said Parra was shot when he and two other National Guard soldiers were trying to clear the roadways and were confronted by protesters.

A series of protests against the government of President Nicolas Maduro began five weeks ago, less than a year after Maduro succeeded the late Hugo Chavez. With the latest casualties, at least 33 people have died in the subsequent violence.

Political fallout from the protests continued on Monday. Diosdado Cabello, who heads the Venezuelan congress, said that opposition lawmaker Maria Corina Machado had violated the constitution by addressing the Organization of American States last week at the invitation of Panama, which ceded its seat at the Washington-based group so she could provide regional diplomats with a firsthand account of the unrest. □



Venezuela's opposition Congresswoman Maria Corina Machado, third from the left, surrounded by Venezuelan citizens living in Peru, poses for a photo at the end of a seminar in Lima, Peru, Monday, March 24, 2014. Diosdado Cabello, the head of Venezuela's congress said Monday that Machado had lost her seat and is no longer immune from prosecution for allegedly fomenting violence in the anti-government protests.

way are the latest fatalities in violence tied to anti-government protests in Venezuela, authorities said Monday.

The head of Venezuela's

28-year-old Adriana Urquiola, died Sunday night in Guaicaipuro, said the mayor of the municipality just outside the capital of Caracas. Five months

have been participating in the protest. It was unclear when she was fired upon. The National Guard member, Sgt. Miguel Antonio Parra, died Monday dur-

Eurozone chiefs say recovery is gathering speed

PAN PYLAS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Further evidence emerged Monday that the economic recovery across the 18-country eurozone is accelerating and, perhaps more importantly, spreading to the bloc's debt-laden laggards. Financial information company Markit, which publishes a closely watched monthly survey of economic conditions across the region, even suggested that the economic recovery is running at a near three-year high. It is now forecasting quarterly economic growth of 0.5 percent, which equates to an annualized increase of a little more than 2 percent. In the fourth quarter of 2013, the eurozone grew by a quarterly 0.3 percent.

The forecast improvement will help ease worries that the recovery from recession isn't gaining traction. The eurozone emerged from its longest-ever recession last spring. Markit's relatively upbeat guidance came despite a modest decline in its purchasing managers' index — a broad gauge of business activity — to 53.2 points in March from February's 32-month high of 53.3. Markit said the figure rounds off the eurozone's best three-month period since the second quarter of 2011. Any reading above 50 indicates expansion. A more detailed look at the survey shows Germany, Europe's largest economy, continues to spearhead the growth and that the recovery is spreading to France and beyond to those economies, such as Greece and Spain, that have been weighed down by government-imposed austerity programs for years. □

Japan lets US assume control of a nuclear cache

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THE HAGUE — Japan announced Monday that it would turn over to Washington a large cache of weapons-grade plutonium and highly enriched uranium, a decades-old research stockpile that is large enough to build dozens of nuclear weapons, according to U.S. and Japanese officials.

The move is the biggest single success in President

Barack Obama's five-year push to secure the world's most dangerous materials, and comes as world leaders gathered here Monday for a summit meeting on nuclear security. Since Obama began the series of meetings with world leaders — this will be the third — 13 nations have eliminated their caches of nuclear materials, and scores more have hardened security at their storage facilities to prevent theft by potential terrorists.

In a joint statement by the United States and Japan, the two countries said that Japan had agreed to "remove and dispose" of hundreds of kilograms of nuclear material from the Fast Critical Assembly at the Japan Atomic Energy Agency.

The statement said the elimination of the uranium and plutonium would "help prevent unauthorized actors, criminals, or terrorists from acquiring such materials. This

material, once securely transported to the United States, will be sent to a secure facility and fully converted into less sensitive forms."

The statement did not specify the amount of material to be eliminated. U.S. and Japanese officials said it would include 700 pounds, or 320 kilograms, of weapons-grade plutonium. The amount of highly enriched uranium has not been announced but is estimated at 450 pounds. □



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Cubans with money revel in booming social circuit

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Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — It's Saturday night at El Cincinero, a chic rooftop bar that has arguably become Havana's hippest watering hole in the year since it opened, and there's no getting in without a reservation.

There are plenty of foreigners, but also not a few sharp-dressed Cubans lounging in the butterfly chairs, sipping \$3 mojitos and talking art, culture and politics. It's an image that stands in stark contrast to common perceptions overseas of Communist Cuba as a poor country where nobody has the disposable income to blow on a night out. "Where they get the money from, I don't know, and I don't have a crystal ball," said one of the Cubans at the bar, Lilian Triana, a 31-year-old economist who works for the local offices of Venezuela's state oil company PDVSA. She suggested some may have relatives sending money from abroad.

Havana is seeing a boom in stylish, privately run bars and clubs like El Cincinero, evidence of a small but growing class of relatively affluent artists, musicians and entrepreneurs on an island where many people earn about \$20 a month and depend on subsidized food, housing and transport to get by.

Cuba's nouveau riche are coming out of the wood-work, if not quite flaunting their personal wealth.

It's a departure from years past, when Fidel Castro fulminated against newly rich Cubans who were getting ahead of their compatriots during an earlier economic opening.

Cuba is still far from a consumer's paradise. Nonetheless, there are more things here every day to spend money on, from home improvements and beach vacations to the hordes of smartphones and Xboxes imported for resale by islanders who are traveling abroad in record numbers. Foreigners visiting and living in Cuba have long been able to afford such luxuries. So have Cubans like Triana who work for foreign companies or embassies that pay hard-currency salaries competitive with elsewhere in Latin America. Now they have been joined by the most successful of the 440,000 small-business owners and employees who are working independently of the state under President Raul Castro's economic reforms.

Then there's the art-world elite, which historically has been a core part of Cuba's monied class. An artist who sells a single painting for a few thousand dollars or a musician who performs on an overseas tour is already earning hundreds of times what most Cubans make. It's a phenomenon that New York visual artist Michael Dweck documented in his 2011 book "Habana Libre," the product of nearly three years photographing the unlikely fashionable lives of Havana's hip creatives.

"They are part of the elite. Not because they are in banking or importing or real estate — these people are the creative class," Dweck said. "There is a privileged class living a pretty good life in Havana, which is the opposite of what we were told as Americans about what's going on in Cuba." □



People attend the private club Cafe Madrigal in Havana, Cuba. The Cuban capital is seeing a boom in stylish, privately run bars and clubs, the latest manifestation of President Raul Castro's economic reforms which aim to inject life into the country's moribund economy by permitting some private-sector activity. Along the Malecon seafront boulevard, working-class Cubans still gather by the thousands on weekends to sip from 90-cent cardboard boxes of rum.

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Architect Shigeru Ban wins Pritzker Prize

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Associated Press

JAPAN/NEW YORK (AP) —

The Japanese architect Shigeru Ban, who has combined a talent for innovative design and experimental use of everyday materials with extensive humanitarian efforts around the globe, has won the 2014 Pritzker Architecture Prize. Ban, 56, is the seventh architect from Japan to receive the honor, which will be officially awarded in June. For two decades, he has rushed to the site of disasters — for example, the 1995 earthquake in

ture."

Ban's relief work has not been limited to creating living shelters. In the wake of the 2009 earthquake in L'Aquila, Italy, for example, he created a temporary auditorium so the city's musicians could continue to play. And after the 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan, he created partitions for existing emergency shelters so families could have some privacy.

Outside his humanitarian work, Ban's noted projects have included the Centre Pompidou-Metz, a modern art museum in Metz,

Ban's "Curtain Wall House" in Tokyo uses two-story high white curtains to open or close the home to the outside. Similarly, his "Shutter House" in New York's Chelsea neighborhood, an 11-story apartment building, features a unique metal shutter system to open up apartments to the city air.

But it is Ban's humanitarian work that the Pritzker jury emphasized in announcing the prize, which will be formally awarded June 13 at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam.

Speaking in an interview



This undated image released by Pritzker Prize shows a row of paper log houses in Kobe, Japan, designed by Tokyo-born architect Shigeru Ban, 56, the recipient of the 2014 Pritzker Architecture Prize. (AP Photo/Pritzker Prize, Takanobu Sakuma)

Kobe, Japan, or the 1994 conflict in Rwanda — to construct temporary relief shelters. He has often used cardboard paper tubes as building materials, since they are easily found, easily transported and can be water-proofed or fire-proofed.

Sponsored by the Hyatt Foundation, the annual Pritzker Architecture Prize was established in 1979 by the late entrepreneur Jay A. Pritzker and his wife, Cindy, to honor "a living architect whose built work demonstrates a combination of those qualities of talent, vision and commitment, which has produced consistent and significant contributions to humanity and the built environment through the art of architec-

France, characterized by a remarkable curved roof made of timber — and inspired by a Chinese hat. In its citation, the Pritzker jury noted Ban's unique approach to materials.

"He is able to see in standard components and common materials, such as paper tubes, packing materials or shipping containers," the jury wrote, "opportunities to use them in new ways."

It noted his "Naked House" in Saitama, Japan, in which the architect used clear corrugated plastic on the external walls and white acrylic stretched across a timber frame to create a home that questions "the traditional notion of rooms and consequently domestic life."

this week in one of the distinctive "Shutter House" apartments, Ban, who has offices in Tokyo, Paris and New York, explained that despite his extensive work for private clients, his humanitarian efforts are of utmost importance to him. "This is my life's work," he said.

Architects, Ban noted, are lucky because they always work for people when they are happy — as people are when they're building a house. But he's always felt that architects need to play a broader social role. "After I became an architect I was very disappointed in our profession," he said, "because we are mostly always working for privileged people, with power and money." □

US sends more troops and aircraft to search for Kony

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UGANDA/WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. is sending military aircraft and more forces to assist in the hunt for fugitive African warlord Joseph Kony, more than doubling the number of American troops and airmen on the ground to 250.

The beefed up U.S. assistance could be "the decisive game changer" in the hunt for Kony, whose Lord's Resistance Army appears weaker than ever before amid growing defections and the loss of senior commanders, an expert said Monday.

"The timing is right," said Kasper Agger, an Africa researcher with the Enough Project, which works to end crimes against humanity. He said the deployment of the vertical-takeoff Ospreys "could be the decisive game changer in the mission to end the LRA."

Pentagon press secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby said Monday that the U.S. has sent four CV-22 Osprey aircraft, two C-130 transport planes and one KC-135 refueling aircraft, along with about 150 Air Force special operations members and airmen to assist African forces. The U.S. troops and aircraft were sent from Djibouti and have arrived. Obama sent about 100 U.S. troops in 2011 to help African Union forces find Kony, but so far the warlord has eluded them in the vast jungles of central Africa. The additional support will enable the African Union troops "to conduct targeted operations to apprehend remaining LRA combatants," National Security Council spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden said early Monday. "Our African partners have consistently identified airlift as one of their greatest limiting factors as they search for and pursue the remaining LRA leaders across a wide swath of one of the world's poorest, least governed and most remote regions," Hayden said. The aircraft will be based in Uganda and will be used in Central African Republic, Congo and South Sudan, she said. The U.S. advisers are assisting about 2,500 African Union troops to chase LRA fighters in a jungle about the size of France.

Kirby said that airlift has been a consistent requirement and request from the African Union and that the troops and aircraft will conduct "periodic deployments" to Uganda to support operations.

The LRA is accused by the United Nations and human rights groups of killing and mutilating innocent civilians and kidnapping thousands of children, forcing them to become soldiers and sex slaves.

The CV-22 Osprey is a versatile aircraft that can fly like a plane and a helicopter. Its ability to take off and land vertically should make it effective in the heavy jungle areas where the troops are operating.

"These aircraft are very helpful. They enhance our capacity, particularly in the search operations, reconnaissance, airlifts," said Ugandan military spokesman Lt. Col. Paddy Ankunda.

The LRA originated in Uganda in the 1980s as a tribal uprising against the government. In 2005 Kony became the first suspect to be indicted by the International Criminal Court on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

After it was ousted from Ugandan territory in 2005, the group scattered into parts of Congo and Central African Republic. There are between 200 to 500 LRA fighters still active in the jungle, according to estimates from the Ugandan military and the Enough Project.

Kony himself is believed to be hiding in the border region between Central African Republic and Sudan's South Darfur region. □

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The 25th Annual Tourism Conference Enjoys the Divi Experience



EAGLE BEACH - A stylish reception under the stars welcomed the CATA delegates to the Club House at Divi Links. The 25th annual gathering of partners from the Latin American

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anca, Copa, and Lan, in an effort to continue and grow Aruba's marketshare in tourism from the southern hemisphere.

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Howard Maduro, Divi's Latin America Sales Director. The evening took off with an elegant cocktail party and culminated with a reception serving delectable food at Windows on Aruba. The CATA delegates were

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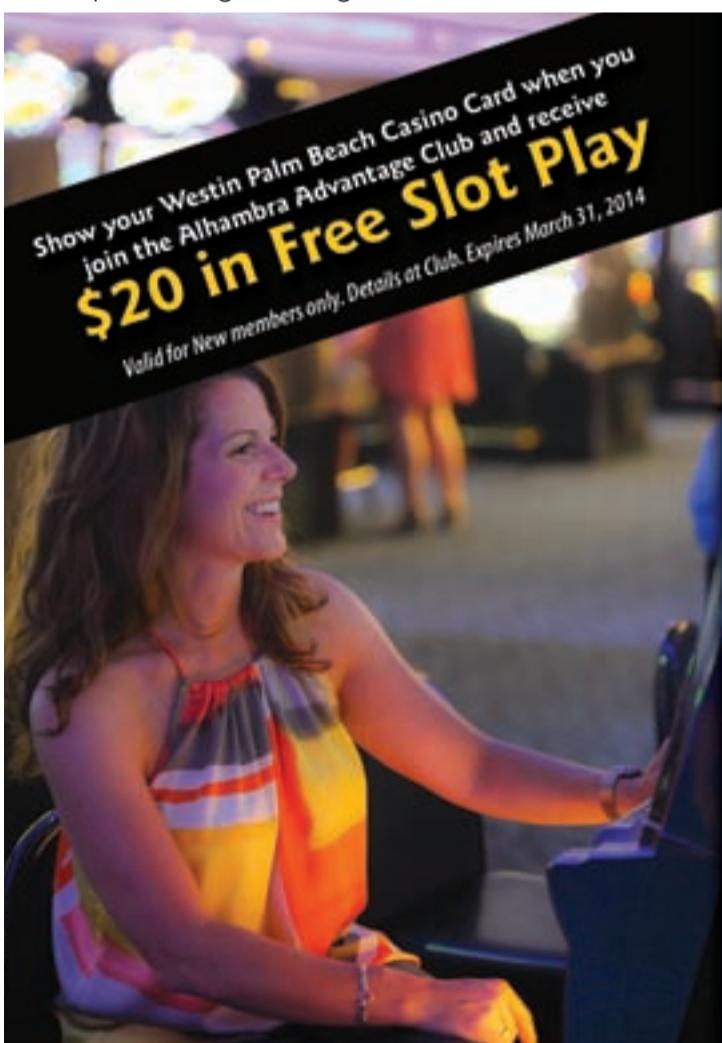
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Sharapova rallies past Flipkens at Key Biscayne

By STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP)

-- Maria Sharapova was happy to play an 11 a.m. match Monday, especially when her work day was already done by the time a mid-afternoon shower interrupted play.

"It's nice to see all the players coming back in the locker room, and I'm like, 'I'll see you later,'" she said.

Sharapova started early but didn't start well. She won only five points in the first four games before settling down to reach the quarterfinals at the Sony Open by beating Kirsten Flipkens 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Top-ranked Serena Williams had an easier time and eliminated fellow American CoCo Vandeweghe 6-3, 6-1. Williams could meet Sharapova in Thursday's semifinals.

But Sharapova has been flirting with an early exit. She endured her second consecutive ragged three-setter, and found herself trailing 4-0 after only 15 minutes.

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Maria Sharapova, of Russia, returns the ball to Kirsten Flipkens, of Belgium, at the Sony Open tennis tournament, Monday, March 24, 2014, in Key Biscayne, Fla.

Associated Press



Boston Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz walks back to the dugout after grounding out to end the first inning of a spring exhibition baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles in Sarasota, Fla., Monday, March 24, 2014.

Associated Press

Ortiz, Red Sox agree to 2015 contract plus options

FORT MYERS, Florida (AP)

— David Ortiz and the Red Sox have agreed to a 2015 contract with options for the following two years, a move that means the popular slugger will probably finish his career in Boston. Ortiz, the World Series Most Valuable Player last season, has helped lead the Red Sox to three Major League Baseball championships in the past 10 years. Affectionately known as "Big Papi," he batted .309

with 30 home runs and 103 RBIs in 137 games last season. The 38-year-old Dominican designated hitter has 431 homers during his major league career and has made nine MLB All-Star teams in 11 years with Boston. The Red Sox announced the deal Sunday night. It includes a club or vesting option for 2016, and a club option for 2017. Ortiz batted .353 with five home runs and 13 RBIs in the 2013 postseason. He hit a clutch

grand slam that swung the American League championship series against Detroit, then punctuated his performance with a dominant World Series against St. Louis. He went 11 for 16 (.688) with two homers, six RBIs and eight walks to leave him with the best World Series batting average (.455), on-base percentage (.576) and slugging percentage (.795) among players with at least 50 plate appearances. □

NHL Capsules

Moulson's OT goal gives Wild 4-3 win over Detroit

The Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Matt Moulson's goal at 2:15 of overtime gave the Minnesota Wild a 4-3 come-from-behind win over the Detroit Red Wings in the NHL on Sunday night.

Charlie Coyle had a goal and an assist and Jason Pominville and Zach Parise also scored for Minnesota. Ryan Suter had two assists and Ilya Bryzgalov stopped 13 shots.

Gustav Nyquist scored twice to extend his goal-scoring streak to five games, and Tomas Tatar also scored for Detroit. Jimmy Howard made 21 saves.

The Red Wings beat the Wild 3-2 on Saturday in Minnesota.

Moulson tipped in Jonas Brodin's pass for his 21st goal.

Tatar tied it 3-3 with 8:17 remaining in the third with a shot from the right circle off the rush. It was his 16th goal.

PREDATORS 2, BLACK-HAWKS 0

CHICAGO (AP) — Pekka Rinne made 29 saves for his first shutout in more than a year to lead Nashville over Chicago.

Mike Fisher and Gabriel Bourque scored for Nashville, which won its second straight and improved to 3-1 against Chicago this season.

The Blackhawks played their second game without Patrick Kane, the team's leading scorer, who sustained a lower body injury against St. Louis on Wednesday. He could miss the rest of the regular season.

Chicago fell six points behind Western Conference-and Central Division-leader St. Louis, which defeated Pittsburgh 1-0 earlier on Sunday.

The Blackhawks' Corey Crawford made 15 saves. **DEVILS 3, MAPLE LEAFS 2** NEWARK, New Jersey (AP)

— Rookie defenseman Jon Merrill set up a second-period breakaway goal by Patrik Elias and scored 32 seconds later to lead New Jersey to a much-needed win over Toronto, sending the struggling Maple Leafs to their fifth straight loss. Damien Brunner also scored and Cory Schneider had 21 saves as the Devils gave their slim playoff hopes a boost by winning for the second time in six games.

Tyler Bozak and Phil Kessel scored for the Maple Leafs, who saw embattled goaltender James Reimer give up three goals on 10 shots in less than 22 minutes of action.

The skid ties Toronto's longest of the season and it could not have come at a worse with nine games left in the regular season.

BLUES 1, PENGUINS 0 PITTSBURGH (AP) — David Backes deflected a slap shot by Alexander Steen past Marc-Andre Fleury midway through the third period to lift St. Louis over Pittsburgh.

Brian Elliott stopped 33 shots to pick up his fourth shutout of the season as one of the NHL's best defensive teams shut down Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin.

Fleury made 26 saves for the Penguins but watched Backes' deflection carom off his glove and into the net just after a penalty against Malkin expired. St. Louis bounced back from a one-sided loss at Philadelphia on Saturday to improve the league's best road record to 23-11-3.

Pittsburgh's top-ranked power play went 0-for-5 a day after scoring three times in a win over Tampa Bay.

DUCKS 6, PANTHERS 2

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Corey Perry and captain Ryan Getzlaf each had a goal and two assists as Anaheim ended its four-

game home skid with a victory over Florida.

Teemu Selanne, Jakob Silfverberg, Kyle Palmieri and Perry scored during Anaheim's four-goal second period.

Patrick Maroon also scored an early goal before leaving the game with a lower-body injury for the Ducks, who pulled within one point of San Jose atop the Pacific Division standings.

Jonas Hiller made 28 saves for Anaheim, which is four points behind Western Conference-leading St. Louis with 11 games left.



New Jersey Devils' Jon Merrill (34) is hit by Toronto Maple Leafs' Nazem Kadri (43) during the first period of an NHL hockey game, Sunday, March 23, 2014, in Newark, N.J.

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Cavaliers end Knicks' 8-game win streak

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Jarrett Jack scored a season-high 31 points as the Cleveland Cavaliers won 106-100 in the NBA on Sunday to end the eight-game winning streak of the New York Knicks.

The Knicks wasted a chance to pull within two games of the Atlanta Hawks for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Hours after Atlanta blew a fourth-quarter lead in Toronto, the Knicks responded with an inept final period of their own after they led by 17 points in the first half.

They couldn't stop Jack and couldn't get a basket from Carmelo Anthony, who missed all five shots in the final period and finished with 32 points.

Jack scored 23 in the second half and finished with 10 assists for the Cavaliers, who ended a four-game losing streak.

SUNS 127, TIMBERWOLVES 120

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Markieff Morris scored 25 points off the bench to lead Phoenix to its biggest comeback of the season. Phoenix trailed by 22 in the first half, but shot a season-high 57 percent from the floor to overcome Kevin Love's 36 points and 14 rebounds. Love fell an assist



Sacramento Kings center DeMarcus Cousins, right, protects the ball from Milwaukee Bucks center Zaza Pachulia, of Georgia, during the third quarter of an NBA basketball game in Sacramento, Calif., Sunday, March 23, 2014. The Kings won 124-107.

short of a triple-double and committed a crucial turnover in the final minute. With the game tied at 118, Love lost the ball in the paint and Eric Bledsoe made a fast-break layup. Gerald Green, Bledsoe and P.J. Tucker each hit a pair of free throws in the closing seconds to help the Suns pull within a half-game of Memphis and Dallas for one of the last two playoff spots in the tight Western Conference.

The Suns tied a season high

by allowing 41 points in the first quarter and trailed 103-93 heading in the final period, but they outscored the Wolves 34-17 in the fourth. Minnesota, meanwhile, blew its largest lead of the season.

RAPTORS 96, HAWKS 86
TORONTO (AP) — Kyle Lowry scored 25 points and Jonas Valanciunas had 13 points and 13 rebounds as Toronto beat Atlanta.

DeMar DeRozan scored 21 points, Greivis Vasquez had 12 and Terrence Ross 10 as

the Raptors avoided their first three-game home losing streak since dropping games against Brooklyn, Miami and Denver between Nov. 26 and Dec. 1. Toronto fell in double-overtime to Oklahoma City on Friday and lost to Phoenix last Sunday.

Lowry, who had 13 points as Toronto erased an 11-point deficit in the fourth quarter, has scored 19 points or more in a career-high nine consecutive games.

DeMarre Carroll and Paul

Associated Press

Millsap each scored 17 as the Hawks lost their second straight following a five-game winning streak.

Atlanta failed to win a third straight road game after losing its previous 10 away from home.

NUGGETS 105, WIZARDS 102

DENVER (AP) — Kenneth Faried had 20 points and Aaron Brooks hit four straight free throws in the final 12 seconds, helping injury-riddled Denver hold off Washington.

Randy Foye added 17 for a Nuggets team that was missing J.J. Hickson, who suffered a torn ligament in his right knee Friday. Wilson Chandler also didn't play (strained left hip) and Jan Vesely didn't return after bruising his rib cage late in the third quarter.

Bradley Beal scored 21 points as the Wizards wrapped up a four-game Western road swing with a 1-3 record. Trevor Ariza scored 15 of his 18 points in the first quarter and John Wall added 15, but also had eight turnovers.

Hickson was the latest player to be lost by the Nuggets. They were already without Danilo Gallinari (left ACL), JaVale McGee (broken tibia) and Nate Robinson (left ACL), who all have undergone season-ending operations. □

Sharapova

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"I usually like playing the first match, but I didn't start off the way I wanted to," she said. "Nothing was working." Seeded No. 4, Sharapova seemed thrown off by the lack of pace from Flipkens, a tour veteran who hits floating backhands and sometimes slices her forehand as well. "She's a different type of opponent," Sharapova said. "There are not too many girls that hit a slice backhand 90 percent of the time in the rallies. But I know what to expect from her game. It shouldn't be that much of a surprise." Sharapova finished with 36 unforced errors and only 13 winners. She also double-



Serena Williams returns to Coco Vandeweghe at the Sony Open tennis tournament, Monday, March 24, 2014, in Key Biscayne, Fla.

faulted 10 times. But she won - and was ready to leave Crandon Park before most matches had even begun. With the rest of the day free, what was on the schedule for one of the

him, then get treatment, dinner, and then the day is over." At the top of her to-do list for the rest of the week is winning her first Key Biscayne title. Sharapova has been the runner-up five times, including each of the past three years, but she downplays any frustration regarding her many near-misses.

"Of course you want to be able to hold the winner's trophy," she said. "But you also remember the matches that you got through to get in the position to get to the final stage. It's not like I didn't have my opportunities in those finals; I just didn't take them. That's why you come back and hope for another chance." Williams seems to be gain-

ing momentum as the tournament unfolds, as usual. She overcame sloppy patches in her first two matches and committed only one unforced error in the second set against Vandeweghe. But Williams was impressed with the 22-year-old American, and told her so when they met at the net after the match. "She said, 'Listen, you played so well. We've got to play doubles. We'd do so well,'" Vandeweghe said. Williams next plays No. 5-seeded Angelique Kerber, who beat Ekaterina Makarova 6-4, 1-6, 6-3. No. 8 Petra Kvitova rallied past No. 12 Ana Ivanovic, who double-faulted nine times in the final two sets and lost 3-6, 6-0, 6-0. □



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Woods: 'Still too soon' to know if fit for Masters

HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tiger Woods is not sure whether his ailing back will allow him to play in the Masters, which is two weeks away.

"For Augusta, it's actually still a little too soon, to be honest with you," Woods said Monday at a news conference to announce that Quicken Loans is the new title sponsor of his golf tournament. "That's kind of the frustrating thing about this."

The Masters is the only major tournament the 38-year-old Woods has never missed. Four of his 14 major championships came at Augusta National, including his first in 1997. He last won the green jacket in 2005.

This year's Masters is April 10-13.

Woods is off to the worst start of his 18 years on tour, and he's been troubled lately by back problems. He stopped playing in the final round at the Honda Classic on March 2 because of what he called back spasms and pain in his lower back. He tried to defend his title the following week at Doral, only for his back to flare up again in the final round, when he shot a 78, the highest Sunday score of his PGA Tour career and his first closing round without a birdie.

Then last week, Woods withdrew

from the Arnold Palmer Invitational because of persistent back pain.

"I've had a couple weeks off and getting treatment and just working on trying to get ready for Augusta," Woods said Monday. "As of right now, it's still too soon, which is, as I said, pretty frustrating."

This has been the longest sustained problem Woods has had with his lower back.

He first showed signs of back pain at Bethpage Black at The Barclays in 2012, which he attributed to a soft bed at his hotel. He felt twinges during the final round of the PGA Championship last year, and when his back bothered him in the final round of The Barclays two weeks later, he said it was unrelated.

At Monday's news conference, Woods discussed a deal through 2017 for his tournament to be called the Quicken Loans National. It will be played June 26-29 at Congressional this year. AT&T was in the final year of its contract as sponsor.

The AT&T National began in 2007 with a military theme built around the Fourth of July in the nation's capital. It has been held at Congressional for all but two years, in 2010 and 2011, as the course prepared to host the U.S. Open. In



Tiger Woods speaks during a news conference at the Newseum in Washington, Monday, March 24, 2014.
Associated Press

those years, it was played at Aronimink outside Philadelphia. Congressional is under contract through 2014, and Woods said

there will be a vote next week to determine whether the club would host every other year in 2016, 2018 and 2020. □

Maggert wins in Champions Tour debut

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AP Sports Writer

SAUCIER, Mississippi (AP)

— Jeff Maggert became the 17th player in Champions Tour history to win in his debut, shooting a 4-under 68 on Sunday to capture the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic at Fallen Oak.

Maggert fell into a tie for the lead with Billy Andrade after making bogey on No. 16, but responded with a 50-foot putt for birdie on No. 17 that gave him the lead again.

"You can't count on those going in very often," he said with a grin.

Maggert's decisive putt

had a large break from left to right and was over a ridge, and the 50-year-old struck it perfectly, shaking his head in disbelief after it fell in the hole.

Andrade, who started the day tied with Fred Funk for the lead, shot a 71 to finish in second two strokes back.

Maggert finished the tournament with an 11-under 205.

Maggert is a three-time PGA Tour winner who turned 50 in February. His consistent weekend included a 68 on Friday, a 69 on Saturday and he capped his debut perfor-

mance at Fallen Oak with four birdies on the back nine on Sunday.

"I had expectations to play well, but I didn't know if I would play well enough to win," he said. "I'd been struggling a little with my game, but everything just kind of came together." Andrade and Funk started the final round on top of a tight leaderboard, with a one-stroke lead over Fred Couples, Jay Haas and Maggert. The round was pushed back two hours because of rain, but the slightly soggy course didn't affect scoring much. Funk fell off the

pace quickly, finishing with a 75. Haas was steady, but could never get on a roll and shot a 71 to finish tied for third with Bernhard Langer, who jumped up the leaderboard with a 68.

Couples — who won the Toshiba Classic last week — faded after shooting a 66 to take a two-stroke lead in the opening round. He shot a 72 on Sunday to finish fifth.

That left Andrade as Maggert's biggest challenger. The 50-year-old was playing in just his fourth Champions Tour event and had the lead at the turn, but



Jeff Maggert holds the trophy after winning the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic, Sunday, March 23, 2014, at Fallen Oak in Saucier, Miss.
Associated Press

made three bogeys on the back nine to fall out of contention. □

Karrie Webb rallies to win LPGA's Founders Cup

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AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX (AP) — Karrie Webb is close friends with founding player Louise Suggs and has a deep appreciation for the 13 women who started the LPGA Tour in 1950.

The 39-year-old Australian made some more history of her own Sunday in the JTBC Founders Cup, rallying to win the event that honors the tour's pioneers. "It's a very special event," Webb said.

The Hall of Famer shot a course-record 9-under 63 to take the lead, then waited 90 minutes to see if anyone could catch her.

To her surprise, no one did. "I didn't expect to be sitting here at the start of the day," Webb said. "Even, actually, when I finished the day, I didn't expect to be sitting here. So I feel a little bit lucky, I guess, to be sitting here. But it doesn't make it feel any less special." For the second time in the event, Webb overcame a six-stroke deficit in the final round. In 2011 in the inaugural tournament, she finished with a 66 for a one-stroke victory.

"I just love the feeling of this event," Webb said. Webb donated \$50,000 of her \$225,000 check, giving \$25,000 each to LPGA-US-



Karrie Webb, of Australia, gives a thumbs up with the winner's trophy after winning the LPGA Founders Cup golf tournament on Sunday, March 23, 2014, in Phoenix. Webb finished with a one stroke victory and a 19-under par tournament finish.

Associated Press

GA Girls Golf, an organization promoting the game among girls in the U.S., and "The Founders" documentary movie about the women who started the tour.

She did an interview for the film this week and learned that only about 10 percent of the necessary money had been raised to complete the project.

"I was just standing on the 18th green when Mike

(Whan, LPGA Tour commissioner) was introducing me, and it just came to me that, 'You know, I would love to be a part of that movie being produced.'" Webb talked Friday night with the 90-year-old Suggs, a fixture at the tournament the last three years but unable to make it this year. "She told me that I had to go out and shoot 64 yesterday, which I let her down and I didn't do that,"

Webb said. "So, I made it up to her today."

She certainly did.

Webb had 10 birdies and a bogey, playing the back nine in 6-under 30. She birdied five of the last six holes, making a 20-footer on the par-4 18th to finish at 19-under 269.

"I definitely putted probably the best I have all week," she said. "Worked on a few things last night and really got the ball rolling on the back nine."

Webb also rallied to win the Women's Australian Open last month and has 41 LPGA Tour victories to match LPGA Tour founding player Babe Zaharias for 10th place on the all-time title list.

Third-round leader Lydia Ko of New Zealand parred the final three holes to finish a stroke back, along with 2013 winner Stacy Lewis, Azahara Munoz, Amy Yang and Mirim Lee.

The 16-year-old Ko shot 70. She had a three-stroke lead after birdieing Nos. 2-5, slipped back with bogeys on Nos. 6, 9 and 11 and pulled within one with a birdie on the par-5 15th. "I tried to get myself together," Ko said. "I made some bogeys at the wrong time, which wasn't ideal, but I tried my best until the last."

Munoz and Yang, playing together in the third-to-last group, missed long birdie putts on 18 and each shot 67. Lee shot 69 in the next group, also missing a long birdie try.

That left Ko the only golfer who could challenge Webb — and her 25-foot try on the last was just short and right.

"I played really well overall, so I'm just going to take the positive out of it," Ko said. Lewis birdied the final two holes for a 66.

DIVOTS: Jessica Korda, playing with Ko in the last group, had a quadruple-bogey 8 on the par-4 seventh after hitting her approach into the desert, then played the final 11 holes in 5 under to tie for seventh at 17 under.

The Bahamas winner closed with a 70. ... Hee-Won Han also matched the course record with a 63 to tie for 15th at 14 under. Playing in the ninth group of the day, she holed a sand wedge for eagle on No. 7 and had only 24 putts. Ai Miyazato set the course record in the first round last year, and Cristie Kerr matched it Saturday. Kerr finished with a 67 to tie for 10th at 16 under. ... Top-ranked Inbee Park also closed with a 67 to tie for 10th. □

MLS Roundup

Impact remain winless in MLS with loss to Seattle

The Associated Press

MONTRÉAL (AP) — The Montreal Impact remained winless in Major League Soccer to start the season after dropping their home opener to the Seattle Sounders 2-0 on Sunday. Lamarr Neagle, who spent the 2012 season with Montreal before being traded to the Sounders, headed a Gonzalo Pineda free kick out of a crowd and it hit the crossbar and deflected off Montreal goalkeeper Troy Perkins for an own goal in the 8th minute. Nigeria striker Obafemi Martins then put the



Montreal Impact's Eric Miller reacts after missing a shot on goal against the Seattle Sounders during the second half of an MLS soccer game in Montreal, Sunday, March 23, 2014.

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Sounders ahead 2-0 with a header in the 58th.

Montreal was without Italian striker Marco Di Vaio, who was serving the last match of a three-match suspension with midfielder Andres Romero for getting into a shoving match with several Houston players at the end of a playoff game

in October.

Both players will be back for Montreal's game Saturday in Philadelphia.

In Sunday's other MLS match, the New York Red Bulls drew with the Chicago Fire 1-1 in a game played in 28 degree Fahrenheit (minus 2 Celsius) temperatures.

Chicago midfielder Jeff Larentowicz headed Harrison Shipp's corner kick past goalkeeper Luis Robles from 8 yards out in the 6th minute.

Dax McCarty got the equalizer for New York in the 21st. □

Whispers, secrets and lies? Anonymity apps rise

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AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — At a time

when Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn are pushing people to put forward their most polished, put-together selves, a new class of mobile applications aims for a bit more honesty.

Among the latest is Secret, created by two former Google engineers who were looking for a way to let people deliver genuine feedback to co-workers. With the app, friends and friends of friends can share their deepest and darkest thoughts, along with gossip, criticism and even plans to propose marriage, under a cloak of near-anonymity. "This idea that you have to craft this perfect image online,"

says Secret's 30-year-old co-founder Chrys Bader-Wechseler. "That's stressful. We want to remove that stress." Secret joins a handful of apps such as Confide, Whisper and Yik Yak that have become popular — and in some cases, notorious — in recent months, by offering users a way to communicate while cloaking their identities. What happens when people are free to say what they want without a name and profile photo attached? It's an experiment in human nature that harkens back to the early days of the Web, when faceless masses with made-up nicknames ruled chat rooms and online message boards. In the past decade, anonymity has been fading.

As Facebook soared to dominate online social networks, the trend shifted toward profiles, real names and the melding of online and offline identities. But as people's online social circles grew from friends to parents, grandparents, in-laws, colleagues and bosses, many became increasingly reluctant to share as openly as they once did.

"People go on Facebook and say they just got engaged. But what you don't see is 'I am going to propose today,'" says Secret co-founder and CEO David Byttow, 32.

Launched in 2012, Whisper



In this Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2013, photo, a woman poses for a photo using her smart phone in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Associated Press

is especially popular with teenagers and 20-somethings, with the bulk of its users under 24. Yik Yak, released late last year, made headlines recently when a California high school went into lockdown after someone used the app to post an anonymous bomb threat.

Although anonymity apps are being criticized as platforms for bullying, supporters say they can be tools for preventing mischief. They also have a cathartic value for some users.

"My baby boy passed away recently. I saw his picture today and cried. I cried because I love him and miss him. I'm a guy, so no one thinks to talk to me," read a recent post on Secret.

Another recent Secret message read: "Fact: It's downright scary to hire your first woman onto an all-male team."

On Secret, users are told when a friend has posted a secret — they just don't know which friend. Whisper, meanwhile does not tell users how, or if, they are connected to a person posting.

"I am a closeted gay guy and the sheer number of hot fraternity guys on campus is a special kind of hell," read a recent post on Whisper.

Whisper CEO Michael Heyward, 26, says the company's app does not allow people to "use anonymity

to hurt anyone else." Users, for instance, can't put proper names into posts unless the names belong to public figures. So Justin Bieber is okay. Justin from Spanish class is not. Whisper also employs 120 human moderators to comb through posts in real time. "There is no safer space," Heyward says of Whisper. The company announced a partnership with media site BuzzFeed on Monday, in which BuzzFeed writers will use content posted on Whisper as source material for articles. The deal, reported in the New York

Times, does not have a financial component.

Secret, meanwhile, has been especially popular in Silicon Valley and its satellite technology communities outside of the San Francisco Bay Area. Startup gossip — from personal attacks on company founders and venture capitalists to acquisition rumors that turned out to be false — has been a mainstay of Secret in the less than two months since its launch.

Secret tries to add a layer of accountability to anonymous posts by showing users' secrets to their friends

and allowing only friends, or friends of friends, to comment on each shared post. Bader-Wechseler is quick to point out that the app is not exactly anonymous. Anonymish, maybe. To sign up, users can provide their mobile phone number, email address or both. When you post a secret, your phone and email contacts who are also on Secret will be able to see it. If they tap a heart icon indicating that they "love" your secret, then their friends will be able to see it too. You won't know which of your friends is on Secret. Secret says it ensures security by encrypting posts and without uploading contact information to its servers. The app also offers a panic button of sorts, called "unlink my posts." When a user clicks it, any link between them and all previous secrets they have posted is removed.

Katy Nelson, an early user of the app who heard about it from a friend who works at Secret, says she finds herself commenting on posts more than sharing secrets herself. This is especially true "when I see secrets where people are being really vulnerable, asking for advice about a relationship, substance abuse," she says. □

Cisco to invest over \$1B in cloud computing

NEW YORK (AP) — Cisco says it plans to spend more than \$1 billion over the next two years to build up its cloud computing network. Cisco plans to use the money to expand its data centers for the new service to be called Cisco Cloud Services.

The move makes the San Jose, California-based networking company the latest to enter an arena that caters to the growing number of companies that would rather rent computing space than build their own.

One of the biggest players in the market is Amazon.com. IBM Corp. said in Jan-



This Wednesday, May 9, 2012, file photo, shows an exterior view of Cisco headquarters in Santa Clara, Calif.

Associated Press

uary that it will invest \$1.2B in its cloud computing operations.

Cisco says it will work with a set of partners to build up

the network. The company already provides cloud-related services, including the online conference provider WebEx. □

Ben Sherwood of ABC News named top Disney TV executive

BILL CARTER

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The Walt Disney Co. acted quickly to put a new top executive in place at its ABC Television Group, naming Ben Sherwood on Monday to succeed Anne M. Sweeney, who announced her resignation two weeks ago. Sherwood has been one of the most talked-about executives in the television

business because of his much-praised stewardship at ABC News, highlighted by the dogged rise of "Good Morning America" to the top of the most profitable area of network news, morning television. The show had trailed NBC's "Today" for 16 years. Robert A. Iger, the Disney chairman, made the announcement on Monday. Sherwood had been widely

viewed as a likely choice for the job, which also includes the title of co-chairman of Disney Media Networks. Disney said the effective date of the appointment was Feb. 1, 2015. Disney announced on March 11 that Sweeney would remain in the job until next January. Sherwood is expected to be involved in decision-making at the network immediately as he makes the

transition to his new position. In the short term, he will also retain oversight over the ABC News division, the Disney announcement said. Among Sherwood's first decisions will be the choice of his own successor. The standout candidate for that job is James Goldston, the senior vice president of ABC News, who has been instrumental first in the revival of the late-night program

"Nightline" and then in the rise of "Good Morning America." Sherwood's ascension makes complete a full turnover of Disney's major divisional managers over the last five years. Iger has now named new leaders to run ESPN, Disney Consumer Products, Walt Disney Studios, Walt Disney Parks and Resorts, and Disney Interactive, a video game and web unit. □

Netflix and other tech stocks lead US market lower

BERNARD CONDON

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—A sell-off in technology stocks Monday pulled the broader market lower as investors unloaded some of the biggest names in the industry. Netflix fell 7 percent, Facebook fell 5 percent, and Google and Amazon.com each fell more than 2 percent.

Tech stocks have soared over the past year, pushing the Nasdaq composite index up 30 percent over the past 12 months, more than twice as much as the Dow Jones industrial average. Netflix and Facebook have doubled in price in that time.

"The big highfliers have done really well, and so I think there's been some profit-taking," said Randy Warren, chief investment officer of Warren Financial Service.

The Nasdaq lost 50.4 points, or 1.2 percent, to close at 4,226.39.

Other indexes also fell, but not as much. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 9.08 points, or 0.5 per-

cent, to 1,857.44. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 26.08 points, or 0.2 percent, to 16,276.69.

Stocks drifted lower early Monday as traders feared that sanctions against Russia could tip the world's ninth-largest economy into recession. Investors were also reacting to news that Russian troops had seized Ukrainian ships and military installations in the Crimean peninsula. Russia annexed the region last week.

Biotechnology stocks, another sector that has soared over the past year, extended a decline that began Friday after U.S. lawmakers questioned the pricing of a Hepatitis C drug made by Gilead Sciences.

A popular fund tracking biotech stocks, the iShares Nasdaq Biotech ETF, fell 3 percent on Monday. It's been up 53 percent over the past 12 months.

"It's the richest part of the market, so ... you're going to get nervousness," said Jerry Webman, chief economist of Oppen-

heimer Funds. Among stocks making big moves:

— Herbalife rose \$3.32, or 6.7 percent, to \$52.86 af-

terments company in its fight with another famed investor, William Ackman, who has accused the company of operating a pyramid

Street Journal reported that Apple is in talks with the giant cable provider Comcast to offer a streaming video service.



Trader Gregory Rowe, left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. — A sell-off in technology stocks Monday pulled the broader market lower as investors unloaded some of the biggest names in the industry. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

ter agreeing to back billionaire Carl Icahn's three nominees for its board. Icahn is a supporter of the embattled health supple-

scheme.

— Apple bucked the downward trend in technology stocks. The company rose after The Wall

Apple rose \$6.32, or 1 percent, to \$539.19.

Bond prices rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.73 percent. □

Preview: 'Candy Crush' maker King to go public

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AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—King Digital, the company behind the wildly mobile game "Candy Crush Saga," is scheduled to make its debut on the New York Stock Exchange this week.

The company could be valued as high as \$7.6 billion if its initial public offering prices at \$24 per share, the upper end of its expected range. That's

nearly twice as much as its closest rival Zynga Inc., the creator of "FarmVille." Unlike Zynga, however, King is profitable and has less than a third of Zynga's employee base.

The company is offering 15.5 million shares. Existing shareholders are offering another 6.7 million. King expects proceeds of \$326 million from the IPO.

King, based in Dublin, Ireland, generated revenue de-

of \$1.88 billion last year. That's more than 10 times its 2012 revenue of \$164.4 million. Zynga's 2013 revenue was \$873.3 million.

Still, some analysts have wondered whether King is destined to become another Zynga, which was also riding a wave of popularity when it went public in 2011, thanks to "FarmVille."

Already, King has seen a sequential revenue de-

cline between its third and fourth quarters.

"With King's tent-pole title, 'Candy Crush Saga,' currently tracking 20 (percent) below peak-booking levels, future growth will depend on the company's ability to diversify," wrote Sterne Agee analyst Arvind Bhatia.

He called the expected IPO price range for the company a fair value for King, noting that it's

cheaper than top video game publishers and "seems fair given King's revenue concentration" in just a few titles.

Bhatia points out that while King has a portfolio of more than 180 games, its revenue is concentrated in just three. "Candy Crush Saga," "Pet Rescue Saga" and "Farm Heroes Saga" made up 94 percent of all bookings in the fourth quarter. □

PALMER COLUMN:

A Side Business as a Way to Gain Financial Security

KIMBERLY PALMER

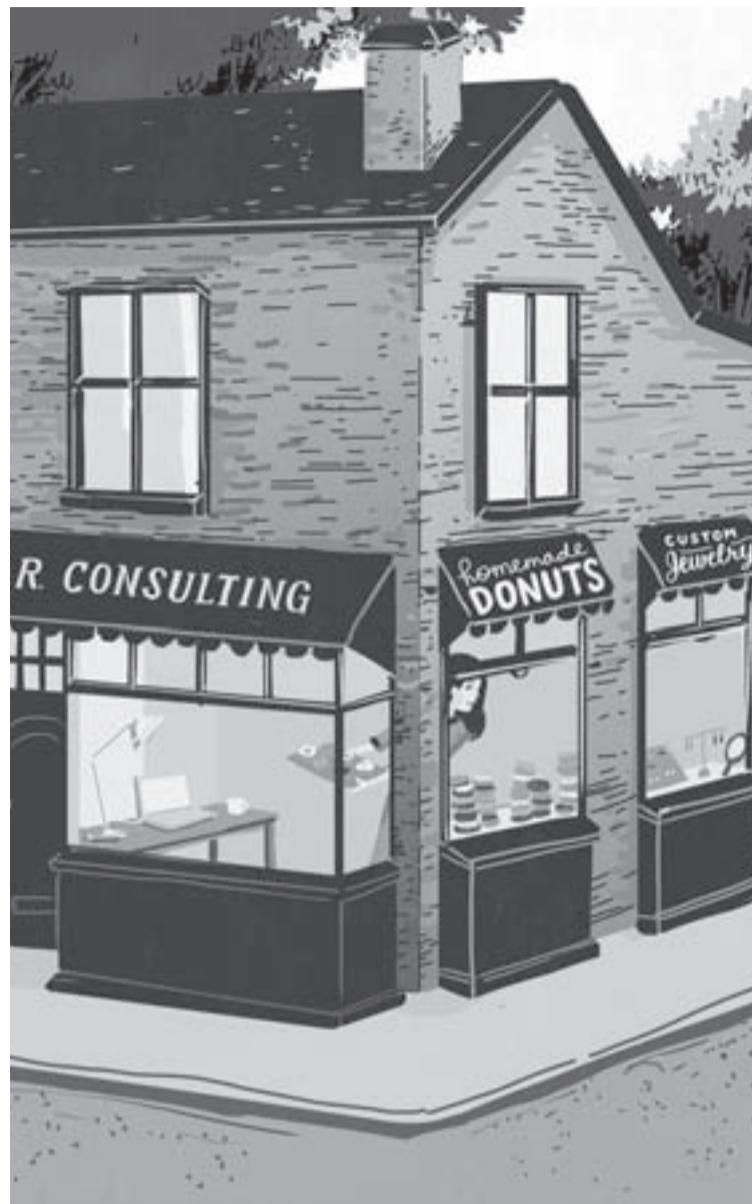
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In the height of the recession, as new rounds of layoffs were announced on what seemed like a daily basis, I was grappling with motherhood. Staring at my newborn daughter's face, I felt overwhelmed with the responsibility. The job market only worsened my anxiety. What would we do if I were to suddenly lose my job, or if my husband were to lose his? How would we care for our child?

As a reporter working in a struggling industry, I always knew unexpected job loss was a possibility, but now, the stakes had never been higher. Being so financially vulnerable was unacceptable to me. And one day, as I was preparing to interview a businesswoman who made her living by selling cutting boards on Etsy.com, the handmade marketplace, I thought I had come upon a solution: I could have a side job making things to sell on the site.

By adding a second stream of income, I would no longer be entirely dependent on a single paycheck. As I explored the website to prepare questions for my interview, I discovered a section of calendars and planners. Some of them, like meal planning and budgeting sheets, looked like something I could create. What if I started an Etsy shop of my own, selling money planners based on my years of personal finance reporting? I could create workbooks based on different life goals, including having a baby and budgeting. What if I could become as successful as those Etsy sellers who crochet scarves and carve furniture?

I got to work as soon as I finished the article I was working on. Within two weeks, I had created my first money planner, which took readers through my best budgeting, saving and smart spending tips. It encouraged people to reflect on their big money



Expertise gained from a side job or hobby may provide a second income.

(Julia Kuo/The New York Times)

goals and to come up with a personal definition of financial success. I enlisted a freelance illustrator to create a cover and inside illustrations for around \$100. In addition to creating a PDF to sell as a digital file, I sent my planner to a printer to create a few dozen spiral-bound versions, at a total cost of about \$300. My entire shop was off the ground for just \$400 and a couple of weeks of work on weekends and evenings. As soon as I listed that first product, I felt more in control of my life. I was an entrepreneur, not just an office worker. I felt a rush of pride every time I pulled up my storefront on my computer screen.

Those good feelings were soon clouded by my lack of sales. My number of visitors hovered around 10 people a day, and none were buying. That's when

I decided I had to spend some serious time on marketing, and I started studying the advice of other creative entrepreneurs who sell on Etsy. I began pitching my shop to bloggers who write about motherhood, family life and money - my target audience. I hosted giveaways and wrote guest posts for those sites. My number of visitors slowly climbed, and so did my sales. I started earning about \$200 a month from my shop.

That might not sound like much. But it felt extremely significant to me. That's because I felt my new business was something that I could ramp up and turn into something even bigger if I ever had the time, desire or need to do so. In the meantime, an extra \$200 a month came in pretty handy for the escalating baby-related costs.

My plans did not proceed without hiccups, of course. Few people bought my spiral-bound planners, so that investment ended up being largely a waste of money. My customers gravitated toward the digital versions, which are available immediately for download upon purchase. I made more adjustments after noticing that people often bought a few different types of planners at once. To meet that demand, I created "planner kits," which came with discounts on bundles around a theme, like buying a home or starting a business.

As my business grew, so did my stress level. I was suddenly juggling my young daughter, a full-time job and my online shop. I worked on my planners whenever I could, which was primarily during nap time on the weekends and in the evenings after my daughter went to bed. The kind of business that it is - requiring a lot of upfront work creating the products but then very little as sales are made, since Etsy handles the payment collection and file downloads - made it possible for me to continue to fit the shop into my life.

Etsy charges me 20 cents for every product listing plus 3.5 percent of every sale, but that seems well worth the relative ease of running my shop. We soon added a son to our family, which increased my desire to create more financial security for my family, but made it harder to find the time to do so. I still build my shop when I can, which is usually when my children are asleep. (And thanks to Etsy, my sales get processed even when I am asleep.) My side business now brings in around \$5,000 a year, and I figure I could double that if I carved out more time to work on it each week, to add more planners and do more marketing.

Like many side-business owners, I never want to

leave my full-time job. Not only do I enjoy it, but I feel lucky to have a level of financial security and benefits that are hard to come by as a full-time entrepreneur. A lot of people feel the same way:

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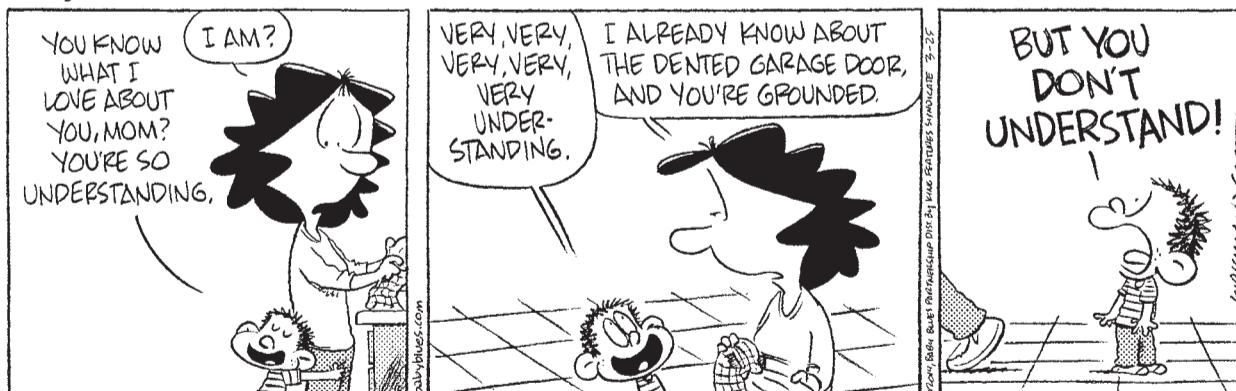
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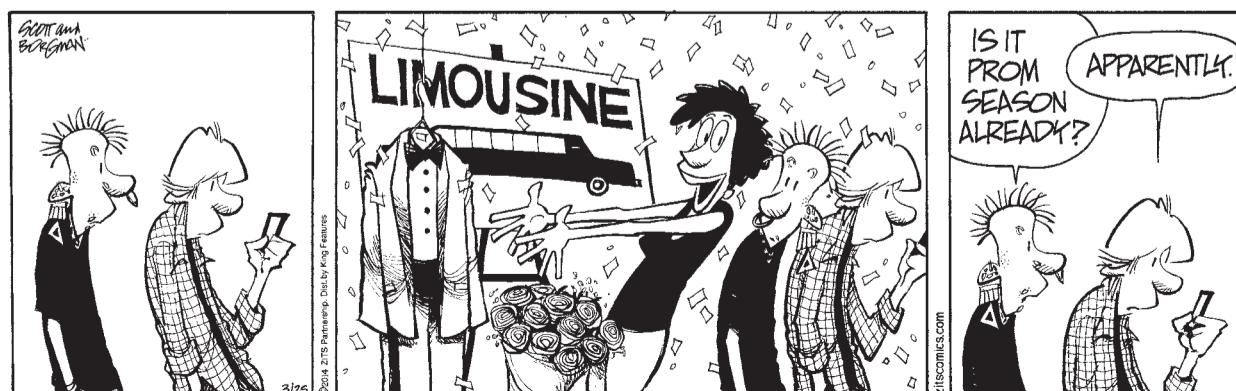
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Difficulty Level ★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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5 Snatches
10 ___ around; look for a good buy
14 Stench
15 Word after CB or shortwave
16 Canary's home
17 Chimney pipe
18 Ring-shaped island
19 Take on employees
20 Renters
22 Worker
24 John ___; unknown man
25 Wild
26 Burn with liquid
29 El ___; Spanish hero
30 Marathons
34 Subdue
35 Saloon
36 Jeer at
37 Geisha's sash
38 Removed text
40 Compete
41 Little squealer
43 Groupie
44 Choose
45 Pry into the affairs of others
46 Couger's bug
47 Treaties
48 One stroke over par
50 Last page of a calendar; abbr.
51 ___ team; the best of the best
54 Soap operas
58 "Till the Sun Shines, Nellie"
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62 Pinnacle
63 First, neutral, reverse, etc.
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65 2014, for one
66 Golfer Els
67 Freezing
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53 Peru's capital
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58 Refuse to allow

A Side Business

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The Young Entrepreneur Council reports that a third of millennials have a side business. On Elance, 30 percent of the freelancers also maintain full-time jobs. On Etsy, a quarter of sellers hold day jobs.

One of those millennials is Sydney Owen Williams, who handles marketing during the day for a sky diving center in Lake Elsinore, Calif., and in her off time coaches 20-somethings hunting for their first jobs. That income, she said, supplements her relative low base salary at the sky diving center.

Similarly, Chris Furin, now a full-time custom cake designer in the Washington area in his early 40s, started his business when he worked full time at his father's deli, baking and

designing the cakes at night. When the deli shut in 2011, he was able to start bringing in at least \$3,000 a week on his orders. Febe Hernandez, a federal worker and jewelry maker in her early 60s, adds to her salary by holding trunk shows where she said she regularly pulled in \$2,000. She plans to continue to expand her jewelry business when she retires from government.

Those kinds of hybrid careers are exactly what this new economy demands. People lucky enough to have a full-time job may never know for sure how long it will last. And having a backup plan in case it does disappear not only provides a safety net but for some a satisfying creative outlet.□

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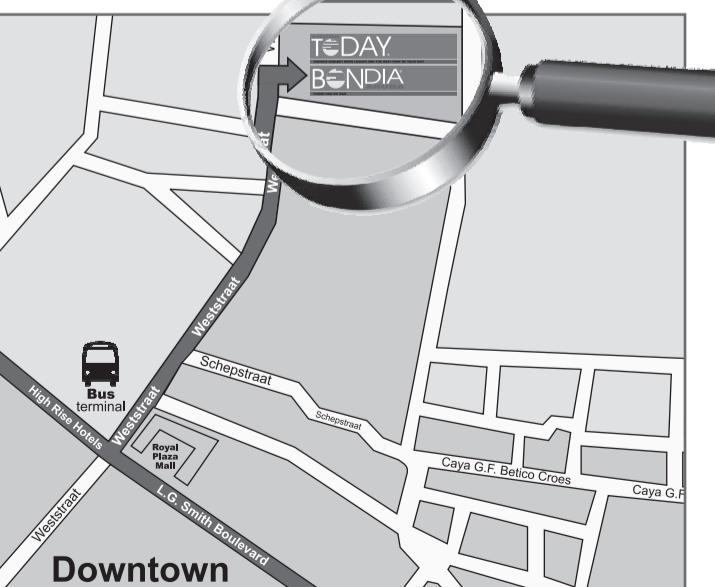
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Big climate report: Warming is big risk for people

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Top climate scientists are gathering in Japan this week to finish up a report on the impact of global warming. And they say if you think climate change is only faced by some far-off polar bear decades from now, well, you're mistaken. In fact, they will say, the dangers of a warming Earth are immediate and very human.

"The polar bear is us," says Patricia Romero Lankao of the federally financed National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado, referring to the first species to be listed as threatened by global warming due to melting sea ice.

She will be among the more than 60 scientists in Japan to finish writing a massive and authoritative report on the impacts of global warming. With representatives from about 100 governments at this week's meeting of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, they'll wrap up a summary that tells world leaders how bad the problem is.

The key message from leaked drafts and interviews with the authors and other scientists: The big risks and overall effects of global warming are far more immediate and local than scientists once thought. It's not just about melting ice, threatened animals and plants. It's about the human problems of hunger, disease, drought, flooding, refugees and war, becoming worse.

The report says scientists have already observed many changes from warming, such as an increase in heat waves in North America, Europe, Africa and Asia. Severe floods, such as the



In this Jan. 28, 2009, file photo, a spectator applies sun cream while others eat ice cream as they try to keep cool in the scorching heat on Rod Laver Arena at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne, Australia.

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one that displaced 90,000 people in Mozambique in 2008, are now more common in Africa and Australia. Europe and North America are getting more intense downpours that can be damaging. Melting ice in the Arctic is not only affecting the polar bear, but already changing the culture and livelihoods of indigenous people in northern Canada.

Past panel reports have been ignored because global warming's effects seemed too distant in time and location, says Pennsylvania State University scientist Michael Mann. This report finds "It's not far-off in the future and it's not exotic creatures — it's us and now," says Mann, who didn't work on this latest report.

The United Nations established the climate change panel in 1988 and its work is done by three groups. One looks at the science behind global warming. The group meeting in Japan beginning Tuesday studies its im-

pacts. And a third looks at ways to slow warming.

Its reports have reiterated what nearly every major scientific organization has said: The burning of coal, oil and gas is producing an increasing amount of heat-trapping greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide. Those gases change Earth's climate, bringing warmer temperatures and more extreme weather, and the problem is worsening.

The panel won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007, months after it issued its last report. Since then, the impact group has been reviewing the latest research and writing 30 chapters on warming's effects and regional impacts. Those chapters haven't been officially released but were posted on a skeptical website.

The key message can be summed up in one word that the overall report uses more than 5,000 times: risk. "Climate change really is a challenge in managing risks," says the report's chief author, Chris Field of the Carnegie Institution of Science in California. "It's very clear that we are not prepared for the kind of events we're seeing."

Already the effects of global warming are "widespread and consequential," says one part of the larger report, noting that science has compiled more evidence and done

much more research since the last report in 2007.

If climate change continues, the panel's larger report predicts these harms:

— VIOLENCE: For the first time, the panel is emphasizing the nuanced link between conflict and warming temperatures. Participating scientists say warming won't cause wars, but it will add a destabilizing factor that will make existing threats worse.

— FOOD: Global food prices will rise between 3 and 84 percent by 2050 because of warmer temperatures and changes in rain patterns. Hotspots of hunger may emerge in cities.

— WATER: About one-third of the world's population will see groundwater supplies drop by more than 10 percent by 2080, when compared with 1980 levels. For every degree of warming, more of the world will have significantly less water available.

— HEALTH: Major increases in health problems are likely, with more illnesses and injury from heat waves and fires and more food and water-borne diseases. But the report also notes that warming's effects on health is relatively small compared with other problems, like poverty.

— WEALTH: Many of the poor will get poorer. Economic growth and poverty reduction will slow down.

If temperatures rise high enough, the world's overall income may start to go down, by as much as 2 percent, but that's difficult to forecast.

According to the report, risks from warming-related extreme weather, now at a moderate level, are likely to get worse with just a bit more warming. While it doesn't say climate change caused the events, the report cites droughts in northern Mexico and the south-central United States, and hurricanes such as 2012's Sandy, as illustrations of how vulnerable people are to weather extremes. It does say the deadly European heat wave in 2003 was made more likely because of global warming.

Texas Tech University climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe, who was not part of this report team, says the important nuance is how climate change interacts with other human problems: "It's interacting and exacerbating problems we already have today."

University of Colorado science policy professor Roger Pielke Jr., a past critic of the panel's impact reports, said after reading the draft summary, "it's a lot of important work ... They made vast improvements to the quality of their assessments." Another critic, University of Alabama Huntsville professor John Christy, accepts man-made global warming but thinks its risks are overblown when compared with something like poverty. Climate change is not among the developing world's main problems, he says. But other scientists say Christy is misguided. Earlier this month, the world's largest scientific organization, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, published a new fact sheet on global warming. It said: "Climate change is already happening. More heat waves, greater sea level rise and other changes with consequences for human health, natural ecosystems and agriculture are already occurring in the United States and worldwide. □

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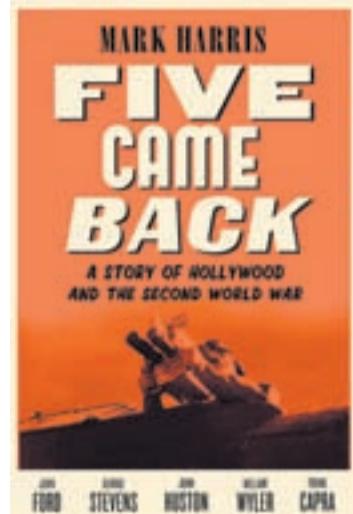
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"Five Came Back: A Story of Hollywood and the Second World War" (Penguin), by Mark Harris

Hollywood was never the same after taking up the fight to defeat Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan — just like the rest of the world. Many of the film industry's greatest talents put aside their careers to join the military and turn the movies into a weapon for victory.

Films were developed to boost public morale, educate millions of troops and stoke anti-German and anti-Japanese sentiment. The studios cooperated with the government to ensure that dramas and comedies — entertainment polished with propaganda — carried the right message. Besides churning out training films, filmmakers in uniform also sought to tell inspiring stories through documentaries, some of them mostly real and some of them mostly made up.



This book cover image released by Penguin Press shows "Five Came Back: A Story of Hollywood and the Second World War," by Mark Harris.

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In his engaging book "Five Came Back," author Mark Harris follows the wartime experiences of a handful of movie directors to explore this unique intersection of entertainment and war. His compelling narrative is first-rate in all respects, a war story for film fans and a

miniseries-like treatment of American history for those interested in World War II.

Director Frank Capra ("It Happened One Night" and "It's a Wonderful Life") joined up shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor. His major contribution was the "Why We Fight" series, lessons in history and politics designed to explain to recruits why they were being asked to go to war. As Harris points out, Capra and his colleagues were challenged to come up with persuasive arguments aimed at black recruits given segregation. Their depictions of the Japanese were so racist that even the U.S. government balked at approving such a film, knowing it would complicate the lives of Japanese Americans and postwar relations with Japan.

Director John Ford ("The Searchers" and "The Quiet Man") was under fire at the battle of Midway Island, getting a memorable documentary out of his color footage, and again

at Omaha Beach when the Allies invaded Europe on D-Day.

An old habit of going on an obliterating bender between movie assignments could have ended Ford's military career. In one sorry instance, a few weeks after the Normandy landings, the filmmaker spent three days drunk while bunking at a house along the French coast, leaving his bed only to buy or steal more booze and pick a fight or two.

Ford and director John Huston ("The African Queen" and "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre") shared a penchant for embellishing their personal war stories. Huston went well beyond the accepted practices of the documentarian when he passed off re-enactments for "The Battle of San Pietro" as actual battle footage.

He was on more stable ground with his piece on shell-shocked troops and their treatments, "Let There Be Light," which proved unsettling enough that the

government kept it under wraps for decades.

William Wyler learned that he had received an Oscar for the wartime drama "Mrs. Miniver" while serving overseas. He and his film crew flew on B-17 missions over Europe for one of the war's best-received documentaries, "The Memphis Belle." Its fakery was forgivable: Wyler used footage from multiple bombing runs and assembled the plane's crew in Hollywood to record dialogue for the movie because their words couldn't be heard over the roar of the bomber's four engines. Wyler ("The Best Years of Our Lives" and "Ben-Hur") lost much of his hearing while trying to film aboard a B-25 flight.

George Stevens ("Giant" and "Shane") was less interested in making documentaries than in filming events as they happened to create a record of the war. For example, he was in Normandy for D-Day and in Paris during the celebration of its liberation. □

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Jimmy Fallon off to fast start on 'Tonight'

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NEW YORK (AP) — One month in, NBC's generational trade of Jay Leno for Jimmy Fallon at the "Tonight" show is succeeding beyond the hopes of executives who engineered it. Fallon's fast start is clear in television ratings and even more stark in social media metrics. While too early to declare a new king of late-night TV, the transition is a marked change from how badly NBC fumbled the short-lived switch from Leno to Conan O'Brien in 2009.

"As a guy who's been doing this for 36 years, I don't allow myself to think about this level of success," said Ted Harbert, NBC broadcasting chairman. NBC had hoped for an increase in young viewers and steeled itself to lose some of Leno's older fans, but Fallon's reception was a surprise.

When Fallon premiered on "Tonight" during the Olympics, the franchise hit numbers unseen since Johnny Carson's last week in 1992. Things have settled down but Fallon is still comfortably on top. During the week of March 10-14, Fallon averaged 4.26 million viewers to Jimmy Kimmel's 2.83 million on ABC and David Letterman's 2.78 million on CBS, the Nielsen company said. Fallon has consistently topped the 4.1 million viewers that Leno



This Feb. 25, 2014 photo released by NBC shows actor Paul Rudd, left, with host Jimmy Fallon during an interview on "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon," in New York.

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averaged this season before leaving.

Fallon's lead over his rivals is more pronounced among viewers aged 18-to-49, the demographic NBC bases its advertising sales upon. Fallon and NBC embrace the way many early-to-bed consumers experience late-night television these days: by watching clips of a show's best moments online. The YouTube clip of Fallon and Will Smith acting out the evolution of hip-hop dancing has been seen more than 12.8 million times. Fallon's lip-sync duel with Paul Rudd on songs by Tina Turner, Foreigner and Queen has nearly 9 million views.

Other popular clips show Fallon, singer Idina Menzel and the Roots performing

"Let it Go" with children's instruments and the sliced-and-diced version of newsmen Brian Williams and Lester Holt on "Rapper's Delight."

Each segment is funny, good-natured and utterly impossible to imagine Fallon's old-school predecessor doing.

"What I notice in people's reactions is not just that they like the show and think that it's funny, but they like the feel-good spirit," Harbert said.

"There's a total absence of snarkiness, of cynicism. It's just there to make you feel good before you go to sleep."

The anti-show biz style pioneered by Letterman isn't dead, said Robert Thompson, director of the Bleier

Center for Television and Popular Culture at Syracuse University. But "it may have run its course to some extent," he said, and Fallon's sincerity dilutes the pure snark of Letterman and O'Brien.

"Fallon has been able to change the equation," he said. He's made his mark despite a more crowded competitive landscape, with O'Brien, Jon Stewart, Stephen Colbert, Chelsea Handler and Arsenio Hall also mining late-night laughs.

During his first month, Fallon generated more than 120 million YouTube views, Twitter mentions and Facebook posts, the research firm RelishMIX said. That's more than double Kimmel, who had 57 million in the

same social media metric. Letterman had 2.3 million.

"That lopsidedness is a huge wake-up call to writers, producers of late-night, network marketing departments and other series in all genres that they must 'feed the beast' or die," said Marc Karzen, RelishMIX spokesman.

Friday night's routine with Kevin Bacon revisiting some "Footloose" dance moves quickly caught fire online, and video highlights had been watched 7.3 million times as of early Monday, he said.

Aggressive online exposure was a key part of NBC's launch strategy, which included timing Fallon's takeover to coincide with heavy viewer interest in the Winter Olympics, Harbert said. The next step is to find ways to make more money off all that online interest, he said.

Fallon's rivals haven't backed down from the competition. Kimmel got attention during the Winter Olympics for filming a stunt that jokingly suggested a wolf was roaming the halls of a dorm for athletes.

With their youthful appeal (Fallon is 39, Kimmel 46), the two men seem primed for a bicoastal rivalry. Letterman, during an appearance in January at Howard Stern's birthday bash, said Leno's departure wouldn't affect how long he wanted to keep working. □

'The Good Wife' leaves viewers shocked, bereaved



This Feb. 2, 2013, file photo shows actor Josh Charles at the 2nd Annual NFL Honors in New Orleans.

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NEW YORK (AP) — The shocking death of dashing attorney Will Gardner on "The Good Wife" on Sunday's episode was driven by actor Josh Charles' desire to leave the CBS drama in its fifth season. Charles had told the show's producers that "I was ready for the next chapter of my life, both creatively and personally," in an interview excerpt provided by CBS on Monday. □

Rihanna to be honored with CFDA Fashion Icon award

NEW YORK (AP) — Rihanna earned an icon award at the American Music Awards last year. Now she's receiving a similar honor from the fashion world.

The Council of Fashion Designers of America, Inc., announced Monday that the 26-year-old pop star will receive the CFDA Fashion Icon Award on June 2 in New York City.

The award is given to one whose style has made a tremendous impact on

pop culture around the world. Past recipients include Lady Gaga, Iman, Kate Moss and Nicole Kidman. The 2014 CFDA Fashion Awards will be held at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall.

Rihanna will launch a three-date co-headlining tour with Eminem on Aug. 8 in Los Angeles. The artists have collaborated on the No. 1 hits "The Monster" and "Love the Way You Lie." □



This March 4, 2014 file photo shows singer Rihanna posing as she arrives to Chanel's ready to wear fall/winter 2014-2015 fashion collection presented in Paris.

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Russia Without Illusions



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Since the end of the Cold War, America's policy toward Russia has been shaped by two dangerous illusions.

The first was the conceit that with the right incentives, eyes-to-soul presidential connections and diplomatic reset buttons, Russia could become what we think of, in our cheerfully solipsistic way, as a "normal country" - at peace with the basic architecture of an American-led world order, invested in international norms and institutions, content with its borders and focused primarily on its GDP. Not the old Russian bear, and not an "Upper Volta with rockets" basket case, but a stable, solid-enough global citizen - Poland with an Asian hinterland, Italy with nukes.

The second illusion was the idea that with the Cold War over, we could treat Russia's near abroad as a Western sphere of influence in the making - with NATO expanding ever eastward, traditional Russian satellites swinging into our orbit, and Moscow isolated or acquiescent. As went the Baltic States, in this theory, so eventually would go Ukraine and Georgia, until everything west and south of Russia was one military alliance, and its western neighbors were all folded into the European Union as well.

On the surface, these ideas were in tension: One was internationalist and the other neoconservative; one sought partnership with Russia and the other to effectively encircle it. But there was also a deep congruity, insofar as both assumed that limitations on Western influence had fallen away, and a post-Cold War program could advance smoothly whether the Russians decided to get with it or not.

Now both ideas should be abandoned. After Crimea, as Anne Applebaum wrote last week, it's clear that Putin's Russia "is not a flawed Western power," but "an anti-Western power with a different, darker vision of global politics." It may not be America's No. 1 geopolitical problem, as a certain former candidate for president suggested. (Don't sleep on the Chinese.) But it is a geopolitical threat - a revisionist, norm-violating power - to a greater extent than any recent administration has been eager to accept.

But at the same time, after Crimea there should also be fewer illusions about the West's ability to dictate outcomes in Russia's near abroad. Twice in this era - in Georgia in 2008 and now in Ukraine - Russian troops

have crossed alleged red lines in conflicts with countries that felt they had some sort of Western protection: Ukraine through the 1994 Budapest Memorandum, which supposedly guaranteed its territorial integrity, and Georgia because of our support for its potential entry into NATO. And in both cases the limits of Western power have been laid bare - the disorganization and disunity of "European" foreign policy, and the fact that even the most belligerent U.S. politicians aren't ready to say that South Ossetia or Simferopol is worth the bones of a single U.S. Marine.

What's needed, after these illusions, is a more realistic assessment of both Russian intentions

(which are plainly more malign than the Obama administration wanted to believe) and Western leverage (which is more limited than Obama's hawkish critics would like to think).

Such an assessment should yield a strategy intended to punish Putin, in the short and longer run, without creating new flash points in which the West ends up overstretched.

So yes, for today, to sanctions on Putin's cronies and economic assistance for Ukraine. Yes, as well, to stepped-up cooperation with those former Soviet satellites - the Baltic states, the "Visegrad battle group" quartet of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia - with which we actually have binding commitments and mostly stable partners. Yes, in the long run, to a shift in U.S. energy policy that would use our exports to undercut Russia's petro-power.

But no to sudden overcommitments that would give Putin exactly what his domestic propaganda effort needs - evidence of encirclement, justifications for aggression. Unless we expect an immediate Russian invasion of Estonia, for instance, we probably don't need a sweeping NATO redeployment from Germany to the Baltics. Unless we're prepared to escalate significantly over the fate of eastern Ukraine, we shouldn't contemplate sending arms and military advisers to the unsteady government in Kiev. Unless we're prepared to go to war for Abkhazia and South Ossetia, we shouldn't fast-track Georgia's NATO membership. And unless the European Union wants to make its current problems much worse, its economic accord with Ukraine shouldn't be a prelude to any kind of further integration.

The key here is balance - recognizing that Russia is weak and dangerous at once, that the West has been both too naive about Putin's intentions and too incautious in its own commitments, and that a new containment need not require a new Cold War.

When illusions are shattered, it's easy to become reckless, easy to hand-wring and retrench. What we need instead is realism: to use the powers we have, without pretending to have powers that we lack. □



Paul Ryan, Culture and Poverty



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© 2014 New York Times Paul Ryan continues to be flogged for disturbing comments he made last week about men "in our inner cities" and their "culture" of not working.

In a radio interview with Bill Bennett, Ryan said, "We have got this tailspin of culture, in our inner cities in particular, of men not working and just generations of men not even thinking about working or learning the value and the culture of work, and so there is a real culture problem here that has to be dealt with."

Reactions to the comment were swift and brutal.

Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., said in a statement, "Let's be clear, when Mr. Ryan says 'inner city,' when he says, 'culture,' these are simply code words for what he really means: 'black.'"

Ryan has agreed to meet with the Congressional Black Caucus, of which Lee's a member and which found his remarks "highly offensive."

But at a town hall meeting Wednesday, Ryan was rebuked by one of his own constituents, a black man from Mount Pleasant, Wis., named Alfonso Gardner.

Gardner told Ryan, "The bottom line is this: Your statement was not true." He continued, "That's a code word for 'black.'"

But instead of cushioning his comments, Ryan shot back, "There was nothing whatsoever about race in my comments at all - it had nothing to do with race."

That would have been more believable if Ryan hadn't prefaced his original comments by citing Charles Murray, who has essentially argued that blacks are genetically inferior to whites and whom the Southern Poverty Law Center labels a "white nationalist." (The center's definition: "White nationalist groups espouse white supremacist or white separatist ideologies, often focusing on the alleged inferiority of non-whites.")

Whatever Ryan meant by men "in our inner cities" and their culture, the comment obscures the vast dimension of poverty in America and seeks an easy scapegoat for it.

According to the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (in Ryan's home state), the gap between the poverty rate in inner cities and that in rural areas and small towns is not as great as one might suspect. The inner city poverty rate is 19.7 percent, and the poverty rate in rural areas and small towns is 16.5 percent.

Furthermore, as Mark R. Rank, a professor of social welfare at Washington University, argued several months ago in The New York Times:

"Few topics in American society have more myths and stereotypes surrounding them than poverty, misconceptions that distort both our politics and our domestic policymaking. They include the notion that poverty affects a relatively small number of Americans, that the poor are impoverished for years at a time, that most of those in poverty live in inner cities, that too much welfare assistance is provided and that poverty is ultimately a result

of not working hard enough. Although pervasive, each assumption is flat-out wrong."

His research, he noted, indicates that "40 percent of Americans between the ages of 25 and 60 will experience at least one year below the official poverty line during that period" and "54 percent will spend a year in poverty or near poverty." Rank concluded, "Put simply, poverty is a mainstream event experienced by a majority of Americans."

By suggesting that laziness is more concentrated among the poor, inner city or not, we shift our moral obligation to deal forthrightly with poverty. When we insinuate that poverty is the outgrowth of stunted culture, that it is almost always invited and never inflicted, we avert the gaze from the structural features that help maintain and perpetuate poverty - discrimination, mass incarceration, low wages, educational inequities - while simultaneously degrading and dehumanizing those who find themselves trapped by it.

Other parts of Ryan's original interview were on target, when he talked about the value and dignity of work and the way that work builds character. Work doesn't always alleviate poverty, in part because some people are forced to work for less than a living wage, though work does bring dignity.

But this is in part the problem, and danger, of people like Ryan: There is an ever-swirling mix of inspiration and insult, where the borders between the factual and the fudged are intentionally blurred and cover is given for corrosive ideas.

Ryan is "one of the good guys," a prominent Republican operative explained to me last week. Maybe so, but even good people are capable of saying and believing bad things, and what Ryan said was horrific. □

The Red Sauce Juggernaut and the Messiness of Change

JEFF GORDINIER

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NEW YORK - In the beginning it was all about smallness and stealth.

Late in 2009 they opened a lace-curtained wisp of a deli on Mulberry Street called Torrisi Italian Specialties. Months later, they quietly began offering an affordable but game-changing tasting menu. Gradually they shifted the sandwich-making over to Parm, a few steps away, where they gave old-school meatball heroes

dantly clear: big is the new small. With a blast of the brio that has come to be seen as a hallmark of their style, they unspooled a blueprint for metropolitan domination.

"This is the year of Major Food," said Jeff Zalaznick, flanked by his partners, the chefs Mario Carbone and Rich Torrisi.

"This is an explosive year. All the things that we've been working toward are coming to fruition."

Plenty of restaurateurs are building empires, many of

Renzo Piano-designed building that will house the Whitney Museum of American Art, they will introduce a spot focused on the light, healthful cuisine of the Italian and American coasts. Through 2014 and beyond, the team wants to expand Parm, which now exists only on Mulberry Street and at Yankee Stadium, into a citywide Shake Shack-style franchise.

If all goes as planned in coming months, Parm's will be popping up on the Upper West Side, in Battery

Weller to a Silicon Valley incubator model. "The bagels sparked this. We ate these bagels and we said, 'We want to do business with this person.'"

Clearly, they want to do business, period.

Their ambition and cockiness call to mind another five-boroughs group, the Beastie Boys, who strove to merge art, style and commerce without sacrificing street credibility. To Sean MacPherson, whose hotel will showcase Dirty French, both the Beasties and the

If there's a unifying motif in the work of the Carbone-Torrisi team, it's a compulsion to rediscover and rescue culinary treasures that may otherwise pass into perilous dormancy: the Italian deli, the boisterous red-sauce joint, the bagel shop.

"New York, for us, is everything," Zalaznick said. "It's our lives. It's not a theme. It's what we grew up with." For that reason, the threesome fought hard to be selected to build the restaurant at the High Line.

To them, the resurrection of the elevated park echoed their philosophy of "taking something that had basically been left for dead and bringing it back to life, back to glory," Zalaznick said.

Click to a blog like Jeremiah's Vanishing New York, though, and you may get the impression that Major Food is forcing out ancient, authentic, downtown grit (such as Rocco, the sleepy old-school restaurant whose space Carbone took over) to make room for gentrified gloss.

"Leave it alone and it's going to go away," Carbone said. "You're not going to have the Colosseum to look at if someone doesn't fix it."

They see their efforts as a way to preserve and elevate each restaurant space, instead of letting it vanish in a landscape dominated by generic chain stores.

As Zalaznick said: "What's it going to become? A Chase? A Duane Reade?" In the end, there's nothing more New York than the messiness of change: that endless tango between chaos and renewal.

For all their attention to detail, these three savor that sense of mixing it up and making things happen. And at Carbone, in particular, they like to see a feast come to a close with a tablecloth trail of debris.

"At the end of the night it becomes a real mess, orange peels and nuts everywhere," Carbone said. "It's festive, it's nostalgic. It makes me very happy." □



Spaghetti with blue crab, a dish planned for the opening of a new restaurant on the High Line being opened by Major Food Group, at Carbone in New York, March 4, 2014. Major Food Group, which owns Torrisi Italian Specialties, Parm and ZZ's Clam Bar in downtown New York plans to open five new restaurants this year.

(Ashley Gilbertson/The New York Times)

and ice cream cake a stylish revamp.

And last year their mission - think of it as the Italian-American Gastro-nomic Recovery Project - reached its apotheosis with Carbone, a Greenwich Village boom-boom room in which the massive platters of food and the animated tablesides patter seemed like a new form of downtown street theater. But as the three men behind this restaurant company,

Major Food Group, sat down one recent afternoon at their newest grotto, the tiny ZZ's Clam Bar in Greenwich Village, they made something abun-

them spanning the globe. But so far these men, all in their early 30s, are confining their colossus-creation to the city that dazzled them when they were children - and they are doing so with distinctively New York style (a fondness for red sauce and raw oysters) and swagger.

In the early summer, with the opening of the 187-room Ludlow Hotel on the Lower East Side, they will break away from Italian food and (thanks to Torrisi's training in classic French cooking) hatch a roughed-up Gallic bistro called Dirty French. On the other side of town, at the foot of the High Line and inside a new

Park City and in Brooklyn: one in Williamsburg and the other across from Barclays Center.

Meanwhile, the three have teamed up with Melissa Weller, a veteran of Per Se and Roberta's whose homemade bagels turned into a sensation at Smorgasburg, to create a bakery and restaurant with a focus on smoked fish, blintzes and yeasty New York City staples (bagels, bear claws, Danishes, challah, marble rye) in a still-to-be-determined space downtown.

"It's kind of going to be our version of Barney Green-grass," said Zalaznick, who compared the deal with

Carbone team are "conceptualists" who have used rapping or cooking as a way to express something about how it feels to be in New York.

While "they absolutely know what delicious is," said Ed Levine, the founder of the food-focused site Serious Eats, who has known Carbone and Torrisi for years, they're also "curious about the world in a way that many chefs are not." Theirs is a vision not just about food but about the way it is integrated into the history of the city.

"We really believe in a sky's-the-limit mentality," Torrisi said. "We don't put caps on anything."